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HUNDREDS of people will swap comfy beds for cold streets this weekend as part of the largest sleep-out in the country to highlight the plight of the homeless.

Volunteers will sleep rough in Chatham on Saturday night, using only makeshift cardboard shelters to protect themselves from the elements.

The sleep-out has been organised by national homeless charity Emmaus to help raise awareness of the thousands

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

of people who sleep rough in England's cities every night.

Emmaus president Terry Waite said homeless people were a lot like hostages, as they both find themselves without rights and at the mercy of

Recalling his four years held captive in Beirut, the humanitarian said: "I realised that day in day out, many homeless people have to endure isolation, fear, boredom and despair.

"It is a very quick road down from the top and very difficult indeed to begin to climb up again."

Volunteers have been invited by organisers to sleep out in fancy dress and decorate their cardboard boxes, with Mayor of Medway Val Goulden giving a prize to her favourite shelter.

One group of friends hope religious icons will help them to victory and raise money for charity.

Sally Smith and her five friends will dress up as nuns, vicars, monks and

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JULIE MADDOCKS

FORMER BBC presenter Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media, publishers of Yourmedway, as part of its broadband television team at Yourkenttv.co.uk

As the new face of KOS Media, Julie, who left her popular afternoon show on Radio Kent in September, will be at events all over the county with our camera crews, working across all of our newspaper titles and websites.

Julie said: "The people of Kent are passionate about what they do and KOS Media provides a great platform. I think Yourkentty can really plug into the county spirit. There are so many stories to tell.'

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Asbo yob gets banned from the High Street by magistrates

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

A MAN who repeatedly harassed, attacked and intimidated shoppers has been handed an Asbo banning him from entering Gillingham High Street.

Under the terms of the order Lee Johnson, 38, of Victoria Street, Gillingham, is prohibited from entering any roads between Jeffrey Street, Britton Street, High Street and King Street until June.

He is also barred from acting in a way that is likely to cause alarm, harassment of distress to others, of threatening to use violence to any person, swear in public or approach any witnesses or their families who gave evidence in court.

Johnson was given the Asbo at Medway Magistrates Court last week, having previously been handed an interim Asbo on August 1 last year.

PC Angela Martin, who co-ordinated the case against Johnson, said: "This effort is about enforcing acceptable levels of behaviour and creating an environment in which people can feel safe

"We will not hesitate in taking action against the minority of people who are intent on intimidating or harassing others.

"I would like to urge anyone who sees Mr Johnson breaching the conditions of this order to contact officers at Medway police station."

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Chief Insp Des Keers said the order would help lower crime in the high street.

He said: "Medway residents have the right enjoy their own homes and environment in peace and without fear.

"By working closely with our partners to secure this Asbo we have achieved another significant step



ANTI SOCIAL: Lee Johnson had repeatedly attacked shoppers in Gillingham town centre

towards reducing anti-social behaviour in the area.

"We will continue to work in close partnership with Medway council and the local community to build stronger, safer communities."

Shoppers or residents who spot Johnson breaching the terms of the Asbo are asked to call the police on 01634 891055.

Johnson's terms in full prohibit him from entering designated parts of Gillingham High Street; acting in a way that is likely to cause alarm, harassment or distress to others; use or threaten to use violence to any person; act in a manner, or use language, which is likely to be threatening, abusive or insulting to any person; swear in public; approach, directly or indirectly, any witnesses or their families who gave evidence in court.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Firebugs destroy cricket equipment

ARSONISTS have caused more than £2,000 of damage by setting a storage hut at a cricket ground on fire.

The entire contents of Frindsbury cricket club's equipment store were destroyed in the blaze, although the metal shell remained standing.

The blaze was started on Sunday between 2-4pm at the club's ground in Upnor Road, Rochester.

Witnesses can call Medway police station on 01634 792529.

Arrests over dog charity swindle

CHARITY fraudsters have targeted businesses in Medway in a bid to swindle generous customers out of their cash.

Firms were asked to put boxes asking staff and visitors to pay £1 for a bag of sweets to raise funds for Dogs for the Disabled.

Police launched an investigation when it emerged the charity did not use this method to raise money. Three people have been questioned and released on bail.

Weight limit imposed on railway bridge

HEAVY vehicles will be banned from a bridge in Halling next month for roadworks to be carried out.

A 7.5 tonne weight limit will be set on the Network Rail Bridge from Sunday, February 3, for about three months to allow the footways next to the road to be strengthened.

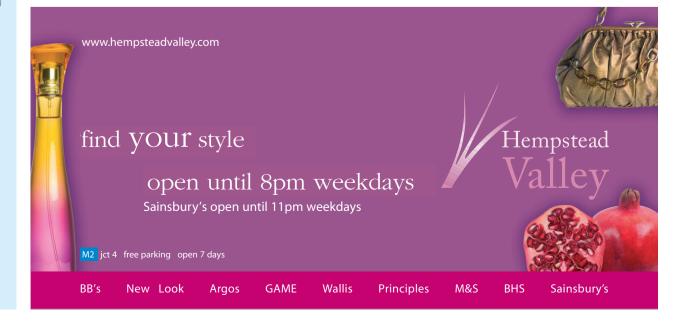
Vehicles weighing more than 7.5 tonnes will still be able to reach Halling using the bridge at the southern end of the village.

Three-piece suites taken by thieves

THIEVES stole luxury sofas worth more than £7,000 from garages in Rochester.

The three-piece suites, owned by a local business, were taken from lock ups in Haig Avenue between January 4-6

Witnesses can contact PC Goldsmith on 01634 792527, or call Kent CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.



Tory to join Republican Party on campaign trail

Councillor gets ringside seat at presidential primaries

BY NICK AMES

TORY parliamentary candidate, Rehman Chishti, has been appointed a special observer to the US presidential primaries.

Primaries see Republicans and Democrats each elect their candidate to fight for the White House.

The candidate for the Gillingham and Rainham seat at the next General Election, who is also a former advisor to assassinated leading Pakistani politician Benazir Bhutto, will watch proceedings unfold in the states of Kansas and Missouri next month.

Front runner

He will be attached to the Republican Party as it seeks to find a new candidate to fight for the presidency when George W Bush leaves office.

At the moment, John McCain is front runner, with Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee in second and third place.

Former New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani – whose leadership skills were shown to the world in the days following the 9-11 terrorist attacks – is sitting in fourth place, but is expected to improve his showing.

A recent poll of Missouri Republican voters by the St Louis Dispatch newspaper put him in first place among the contenders with 24 per cent of the vote.

"As a Conservative I am behind our

sister party, the Republicans" said Mr Chishti.

"I feel that the candidates they are putting forward are all very strong, but I shall be working among them and so will not be endorsing anyone in particular."

Mr Chishti, a former Labour Party member who switched allegiance to the Tories, was appointed to the prestigious post by the US State Department, his party and the British American Parliamentary Group.

He will observe the American political machine in full, meeting candidates and party activists as well as attending meetings.

Mr Chishti will be in the USA on 'Super Tuesday' – February 5 – when voters go to the polls in 24 states, including Missouri.

The Kansas vote is scheduled for

Mr Chishti said: "This will be a very exciting time in American politics and I think the eventual race for the presidency is going to be extremely close."

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to say the US primaries in full swing and also a great chance to build relationships with policymakers, leaders and up and coming political figures in the USA.

"I will be travelling all over the two states during my trip."

Kansas is a solidly Republican state, but Missouri has a unique place in American politics.

The state has voted for the winner in the presidential election every time the ballot has been held since 1904 – except for once



OPPORTUNITY: Tory PPC Rehman Chishti will hit the road with the Republican Party as it looks for the man to take President George W Bush's place

Design a mascot and win £2,000 for your school

FERRY operator Norfolkline is asking for primary school children across the county to help them name a mascot for their fleet of three new ships.

Later this year the company plan to introduce entertainment on board vessels for children on the Dover to Dunkerque run.

The mascots will be on hand to entertain the children during the two hour crossing and the names can be just about anything, no cross channel or nautical theme is necessary.

To accompany all the entries to the competiton – which is also being run by KOS Media – contestants need to include a written description of how the mascot would appear as well as a potted history of the thoughts and ideas that have gone in to its creation.

The winning entry will win £2,000 for their school. Prizes of a return ferry crossing are also on offer to the runners up.

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'None of us have done this before'

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even the Pope for the night and decorate their boxes to form the image of the Vatican.

The 28-year-old, from Rainham, said their group hoped to raise more than £500 for charity.

She said: "We all agreed to do the event in fancy dress so we could raise more money, but we also wanted to be warm so the religious theme was ideal as we can pile clothes on under our robes.

"I am slightly concerned as the weather forecast is not good and I don't 'do' being cold, so it will be hard going. None of us have ever done anything like this before so it will be an experience.

"Though we have a fun theme for the night, the reality is that there are too many people who are in need of a home and we all would be delighted if, through this charity event, we are able to raise both awareness and money for a good cause."

The sleep out will be held outside MHS Homes' Chatham Maritime offices.

Funds raised by the event will be split between Emmaus Medway and the Macmillan Cancer Care Unit at Medway Hospital.

Anger as free bus pass for carers is axed

COUNCIL chiefs have axed a popular free bus pass scheme, forcing elderly and disabled travellers to fork out £75 for a yearlong ticket instead.

Vulnerable residents have previously benefited from Medway council's companion pass scheme, allowing their carers to travel with them on routes across the towns for free.

This service was scrapped at a council meeting last week in favour of a one-off £75 fee.

Councillor Andy Stamp, deputy leader of the council's Liberal Democrat group, said his party voted in favour of keeping the companion tickets free.

He fumed: "The Tory council's proposals are a short-sighted attempt to generate extra income for the cash-strapped council.

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"The costs of administering a charge for the companion passes will defeat the whole object of imposing this unfair charge on residents.

BY SIMON ROBINSON

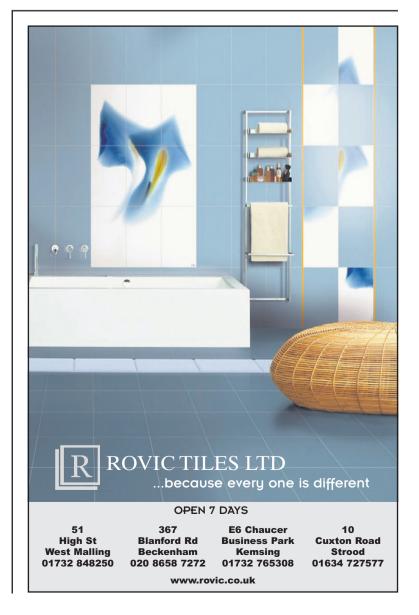
"At a time when the council should be making it easier for pensioners and disabled people to use buses in Medway, they are making it more difficult and expensive."

Finance boss Alan Jarrett said the government was to blame for the new fee, claiming a lack of funding had forced their hand.

He said: "We looked at the concessionary fare scheme quite simply. It's costing us well in excess of £100,000 per year, a figure we just can't afford.

"We had three options; continue to subsidise the scheme, which we could not afford to do, apply a charge or do as Maidstone and Dartford have done and abolish it altogether.

"Do the Lib Dems want us to abolish the scheme? Money does not grow on trees."



Raise cash for charity when you make bid

A SIGNED Australia 2007 World Cup rugby shirt is among the prizes up for grabs at the inaugural fundraising event for the planned Macmillan Cancer Care Unit.

The gold jersey has been signed by former Scotland and London Wasps star Kenny Logan and is on offer during a sealed auction.

Other lots include a football signed by the entire Gillingham FC team and a signed copy of History of the Rugby World Cup by award-winning sports journalist Alison Kervin.

The auction will be held at Medway Maritime Hospital on Monday and starts the long fundraising effort for the specialist cancer unit.

Specialist cancer unit.

Macmillan Cancer Support needs to raise more than £1million by 2009, to add to the £3 million that is already being invested by the Medway NHS trust, to build the new wing.

Macmillan's Kent fundraising assistant Laura Burtenshaw said: "Every year 1,500 people in the Medway and Swale area alone are diagnosed with cancer, so the more people who come and show their support the better."

Fundraising events including a raffle, bric-a-brac and cake sale will also be held between 10am and 4pm.

For details call 01622 600050.

Reflections on the Holocaust

VICTIMS of the Holocaust will be remembered at a commemorative service at Rochester Cathedral on Sunday.

Candlelit readings will be given to mark National Holocaust Memorial Day, held to remember the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp on January 27, 1945.

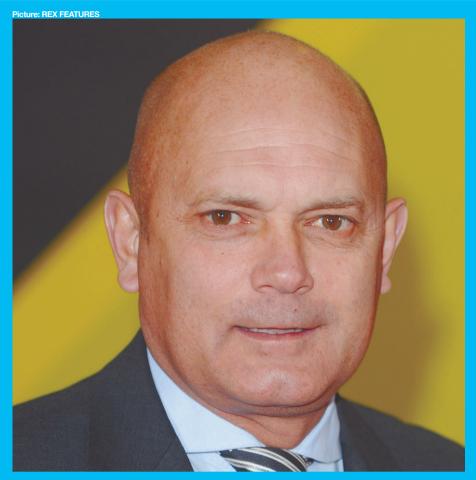
Pupils from King's School in Rochester will also perform a scene from the play Anne Frank.

National Holocaust Memorial Day was launched by the government in 2001 as a lasting memorial to the six million victims of the Nazis during the Second World War.

Event organizer Jon Weiner said: "In remembering the Holocaust we make a pledge to ensure the victims of all such atrocities are never forgotten.

"We also hope to make sure the causes and effects of the most awful act of inhumanity in modern history are understood by future generations."

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2008 is Imagine – remember, reflect, react. For details see www.hmd.org.uk



BUTCH BACKS SOCCER CLASS

FORMER England international Ray Wilkins will officially open a new football centre on Saturday.

Retired midfielder Ray, who won 84 caps for his country, will oversee the ribbon cutting duties at the Kicks Soccer Centre at Strood Leisure Centre.

Then the ex-Manchester United and Chelsea footballer will meet youngsters and staff from noon.

Visitors will be treated to a range of activities throughout the day, starting with a charity football tournament in aid of the Bobby Moore Fund for Cancer Research UK at 9am.

Energetic displays from young members of the Roger Wilkes Ju Jitsu Club and SHOKK gym will then take place at 10am

The centre will offer a wide range of activities including five-a-side leagues, a women's league and coaching, and Pro Futures Soccer Schools that are being run in conjunction with Chelsea Football Club Academy.

Members of the public can also hire the football pitches.

To find out more about Kicks Soccer Centre, call 0800 988 4275 or visit www.kicks-soccer.co.uk

House fire started by cat with tealight

A CAT triggered a devastating house blaze which the owners were "lucky to have survived".

The fire ripped through two ground floor rooms after the pet knocked a cushion on to a tealight in the lounge of the family home in Longley Road, Strood, on Friday at 3.50am.

Firefighters rescued three people from the second floor, carrying them to safety, before tackling the blaze.

Eighty per cent of the lounge and more than half of the kitchen was destroyed in the fire.

In light of this Kent Fire and Rescue Service has warned about the danger of leaving candles burning which could be knocked over by pets or young children.

Strood station manager Phil Rice said: "It's believed the residents had left a tealight burning and some hours later, the cat was running around and knocked a cushion on to it.

"They didn't have a working smoke alarm so

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

they're very lucky to have survived this and we hope others take notice — make sure candles are used safely and make sure you have a working smoke alarm or we could be reflecting on a tragedy."

Simple steps

Residents are advised to follow these simple tips to keep you and your family safe from the threat of fire – always place candles well away from curtains, furniture and drapes, out of draughts and on a heat resistant surface.

Night lights and tea lights can melt plastic surfaces; keep candles out of reach of children and pets.

It is also advised never to leave a burning candle unattended; keep candles away from hair and clothing; always place candles upright in a suitable glass or metal container that can withstand the head and cannot fall over easily; always make sure candles are properly extinguished, especially before going to bed; protect yourself and your home by always taking care when smoking, and by fitting at least one working smoke alarm in your home.

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Kent Fire and Rescue Service offers free home fire safety checks to all Kent residents.

They take around 30 minutes and include tips on night-time routines, cooking safely with oil or fat, the dangers of smoking materials, care with candles, electrical safety and planning escape routes in the event of fire.

Free ten-year battery smoke alarms are also fitted where needed to give early warning of fire and help people escape. By following the advice given during the check, people can also reduce the risk of fire in their home.

To request a home fire safety check contact your nearest fire station or call the community safety team for free on 0800 923 7000.

For more fire safety information log on to www.kent.fire-uk.org





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Six months on pubs feel the pinch of smoking ban

PUBS across Medway and Swale could shut in the coming months as landlords count the cost of the smoking ban.

Pub owners have hit out at the ban on smoking in enclosed public spaces, introduced nationwide six months ago, which has knocked thousands of pounds off their weekly takings.

They say former regulars unable or unwilling to kick the habit are choosing to stay at home with a six-pack.

Landlords warn if things do not change soon, their businesses will soon be stubbed out.

Clive Smith, landlord of the Fleur De Lis, in Gillingham Road, Gillingham, for the past 18 years, said: "The smoking ban has crucified me. My trade has dropped by £1,000 a week, 25 per cent in total and that's just on wet sales.

"No-one's playing on the fruit machines or pool table or putting songs on the juke box either.

EXCLUSIVE

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

"Upwards of 95 per cent of my customers are smokers and they're staying away. Even when they are here they're outside smoking and so the atmosphere has completely gone.

"I think pubs should have been given the option of being smoking or non-smoking.

"We're in trouble at the moment. Unless trade picks up I wouldn't like to say we'll be here in a year."

Choice

Sarah-Jane Radley, manageress of The Bull, in High Street, Sittingbourne, said: "The smoking ban has affected us. We've had to become a restaurant/bar to compensate for the loss we've taken. The numbers of customers we're getting

has definitely fallen as a lot more people are drinking indoors or having house parties.

"They're not going out as early, either, because people can smoke in the comfort of their own home

"When they do come into the pub the smokers break up the party by going outside for a cigarette. It spoils the atmosphere a bit. All in all, the smoking ban has not been great for us."

However, some pubs have recorded an upturn in taking since the ban was introduced.

Shaun Roberts, manager of the Flying Saucer in Hempstead Road, Hempstead, said: "The smoking ban has helped us and so I'm glad it's here. We've seen an increase in the amount of food we do and the atmosphere in the pub is much, much better.

"The regulars have stuck by us and I think a lot of that is down to where we are — we're definitely in a fortunate position." $\,$

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Supermarket to fine car park pests

DRIVERS who flout the law by parking in spaces reserved for disabled drivers will get a nasty shock the next time they go to an ASDA store.

The company has decided to impose £60 fines on customers who use the spaces but do not have blue badges.

They will also issue fines on people who park in bays reserved for mothers with young children at the Maidstone Road store in Chatham and the Mill Way store in Sittingbourne.

These spaces are normally located closer to the entrance of the store and are wider so customers can get into their cars more easily.

The company will initially roll out the fines in its stores in the south east, before the scheme goes nationwide in March

ASDA say some of the money raised by the fines will pay for the scheme, while the rest will be donated to charity.

A spokesman for the company said: "This may upset some people, but it is important that our customers can park hassle free."

LANDLORD EXPLAINS WHY



Clive Smith of the Fleur De Lis in Gillingham says his takings have dropped by £1,000 a week since the smoking ban was introduced six months ago, he would prefer it if pubs were given a choice.



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Wife uses mobile in attack

A WOMAN attacked her husband with a mobile phone and took a cricket stump to his car after an argument, a court heard.

Angela Dunn hit out at husband Andrew at their home in Trevale Road, Rochester, after a cocktail of alcohol and anti-depressants.

The 37-year-old lunged at Andrew with a bottle after a heated row in July last year. When he took it out of her hand she struck him over the head with a mobile phone.

She then went outside armed with a cricket stump and smashed the door, and rear and side windows, of her husband's Vauxhall Astra, causing £500 damage.

Debbie Jones, prosecuting at Medway

Magistrates Court on Friday morning, said she deliberately targeted the vehicle knowing "it was his pride and joy".

Shah Haroon, defending, said: "This incident was the climax of a period of depression and stress, which went back 18 months prior, triggered by a cancer scare. She resorted to drink mixed with anti-depressants, which made her behaviour particularly aggressive."

The court heard she sought counselling and the couple, who have been married for 16 years, are still together.

Magistrates handed Dunn a year-long conditional discharge and ordered her to pay £100 court costs.





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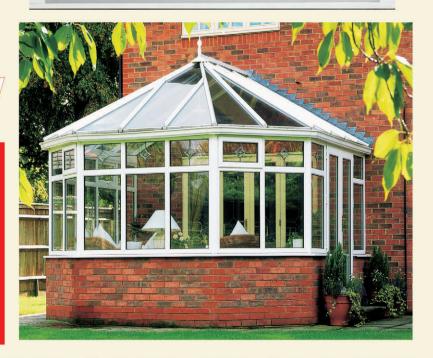
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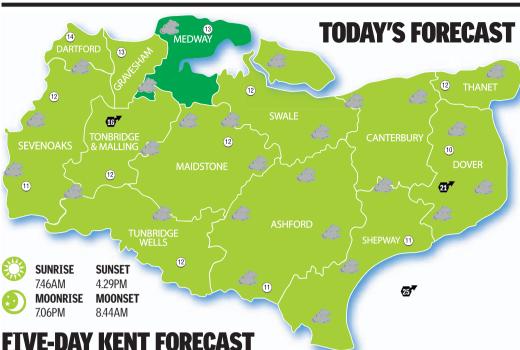
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yourmedway **NEWS** IN BRIEF

Grim river findings inspiration behind author's new book

CRIME writer Darren E Laws drew on some real-life grisly experiences for his new novel Turtle Island.

Darren, from Medway, used the discovery of two bodies in the River Medway as the catalyst for the book, the first in a series of crime thrillers.

The 45-year-old said: "These macabre incidents stayed with me and got me thinking about how life in a peaceful environment could be unsettled by such incidents and the seeds to Turtle Island started to form.

"Obviously I have not drawn on anything from either tragic event in the book in terms of any of the people involved. Instead I explored the emotions the incidents invoked in me, and used the ideas to form the basis of this novel."

Though Turtle Island is set in Missouri, the book has its roots in Kent.

Darren said: "This is not a case of only the names have been changed to protect the innocent. Turtle Island is a work of fiction inspired by true events.
"I know people always ask authors where

they get their ideas from and the truth is they come from everywhere.

"Just because my story and characters are based in the US does not mean to say the book is not aimed at readers here in the UK. Turtle Island is very much a British book."

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Give us a brief rundown of a typical day for Dominic King...

A Is there ever such a thing as a typical day? But I must admit I am a creature of habit, so when I arrive at the BBC's studios in Tunbridge Wells I go and get myself a cup of BBC tea (then I remember it's awful and nip out to buy one with a real teabag in).

I check my emails and then look at what's happening in Kent and around the world, using the BBC's news resources. I might start off interviewing guests who will feature in the programme and clicking onto websites to see what people are talking about.

The best bit is seeing what music I'm going to play and I start to sort through my post to see what new releases I've been sent, or ideas someone has suggested for the programme.

Like most jobs, I grab some lunch, usually 'al desko', curse the printer for running out of paper and then look forward to doing the show and heading home.

How much daily preparation goes into a radio show?

Alt varies, but for a three-hour radio programme, you can expect to add about five hours of preparation, organising guests and visiting locations across the county recording interviews. And you know what Kent's roads can be like, which is why my day is eight hours long and not three.

It's also one of those jobs where ideas pop up while you're out and about or on a day off, especially at weekends. So I'll often send an email to myself from home to work, so I don't forget.

What is your passion in life?

I love music and films, but a passion for me is the countryside.

A good walk is something I really enjoy. You'll often find me wandering around Bedgebury Forest near Goudhurst, walking near Dungeness, or along Dover's promenade.

What is your worst habit?

One bad habit is watching all the new movies before my wife Amanda gets to see them, so she says "Do you fancy seeing this one?" and I annoyingly reply "Tve seen it".

I recently watched five films on a plane back from Washington and as they are now being shown on Satellite TV I'm again saying "Tve seen that one".

If your house was on fire, what would be the first material object you'd rescue (and why)?

A I would probably rescue my external hard drive – it's got family photos on and my favourite interviews I have done over the years.

Away from Radio Kent, what are your hobbies and interests?

Along with film and music, I like fishing from time to time, too. But I only occasionally catch anything.

Do you have any favourite films, TV shows or books?

I love The Shawshank Redemption, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. It is an amazing film about life in an American prison.

On the film's 10th anniversary I was lucky enough to speak to the director Frank Darrabont, which was a real honour.

I have a signed publicity poster by him which is one of my prized possessions that would be the next item I'd save from a fire.

I was also a big fan of West Wing, and I loved 24. Not the BBC news channel, but the US drama starring Keifer Sutherland, and I currently like Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip and the BBC's The Tudors.

What is your favourite area of Kent?

East Kent is my favourite place, because that is really home. I was born in Dover and lived in Folkestone while growing up. The Romney Marsh is a place I enjoy walking around – I love the Royal Military Canal and Dungeness is wonderful.

Do you see yourself ever calling anywhere other than Kent home?

No, never. I am certain about that and although I have worked in London, Kent is home. Why move to another county when you have this one, the best county in Britain? I mean that, too.

BBC Radio Kent's Dominic King talks to **Rob Livingstone** about his passionate love of walking around the Kent countryside, relaxing in front of the television and how a day in his life is far from average

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New recruit Julie continuing to keep Kent in the picture

BY GARETH ARNOLD

SHE is known to much of the county through her BBC radio programmes and as Invicta FM's inimitable eye in the sky – and now Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media to continue bringing you the Kent stories that matter.

As the new face of KOS Media, Julie will be out and about with a camera crew, working across our titles and providing content for our growing websites. And you can see for yourself what she's been up to on our free broadband site www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Yet despite being at the centre of the county's media for more than a decade, Julie says she never intended to go into broadcasting.

Having begun as a secretary in the sales department at the fledgling Invicta Radio in 1985, Julie had done a few voiceovers, but nothing could prepare her for the job she was offered out of the blue one day.

She said: "Invicta had this idea for the 'eye in the sky', but had no one to present it. I didn't want to do the role; I didn't know anything about the county's roads. I didn't even know how to get to Headcorn airfield.

"It was an almighty fluke that I became a broadcaster I was just in the right place at the right time."



But soon thousands of drivers relied on Invicta's groundbreaking eye in the sky – a Cessna light aircraft nicknamed 'Jambuster Jerry' – to provide the latest updates on their daily commute.

But despite her popularity, Julie didn't endear herself to everybody on the county's roads.

Freelanced

She said: "When they were expanding the A249, near Detling, into a dual carriageway, it seemed to be taking ages. It became a bit of a running joke — we'd fly over every morning and say 'the A249 looks exactly the same'.

"Apparently some of the builders got so annoyed about it they spent the morning spelling out 'Up yours Julie' in cones. You could only read it from the air. Think how much they could have got done in that time."

After literally earning her wings –

PASTURES NEW:

Former BBC Radio Kent presenter Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media and will be out and about with a camera crew to provide content for our ever-growing Yourkenttv.co.uk website (left)

Julie qualified as a pilot during her five years reporting from the air – she freelanced in front of the TV camera and guest-presented dozens of BBC shows until, in 2001, she was offered a staff contract and her own slot.

She said: "It was a magazine programme that reflected the people in Kent. If it was happening in Kent we would hopefully feature it on the radio. We covered all sorts of subjects during the years.

"I'll be continuing this sort of thing at KOS Media, across all the Yourkenttv channels. There is nothing like it at a regional level and it is definitely a forerunner of things to come. I'm sure others will follow what we're doing here.

"The people of Kent are passionate about what they do and we can provide a platform. I think Yourkenttv.co.uk can plug into that spirit in the county. There are so many stories to tell."





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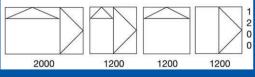
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Ladies, defy gravity and get fit with confidence

BY **LAUREN MUMFORD**

WOMEN looking to get in shape for the New Year have been urged to try a fitness craze sweeping the country – pole dancing.

The gravity-defying dancing has long been seen as seedy and sleazy through its connections with gentlemen's clubs and strip joints.

But it has now moved out of the shadows, and is being recognised as a performance art and a fitness favourite for thousands of women nationwide.

Pole dance fans include Kelly Brook, Teri Hatcher, Lindsay Lohan and Kate Hudson.

Performers say it is a great way to lose a few pounds and get fit for women who are bored with the gym and want a fun way of developing their body tone, confidence, suppleness and flexibility.

Pole dancing schools are cropping up across the county and the art is being taught at several leisure centres.

Emma Smith, 24, a pole dance instructor at Topnotch, said: "I have a fitness background so coming out of my comfort zone and moving into pole dancing three and a half years ago was a big step for me, at that time nowhere did any classes and I wanted to be challenged.

"Maidstone took to it really well – I went from just two classes at the beginning to seven a week, teaching five different group levels.

Challenge

"I've now taken my classes to Tunbridge Wells. People there aren't taking to it quite as well as Maidstone, they still see it as sleazy but I'm hoping to overcome that, they're a tougher bunch to crack but I want a challenge and to change people's perceptions of it."

This fun form of performing art is proven to build muscle tone and confidence, while producing bundles of giggles along the way.

"This class is by far the most rewarding I





SHAPE UP: Jo Roper shows how to tone your body and improve confidence with the new fitness craze

teach, pole dancing is graceful and gymnastic. "The results I have seen are amazing, some people have lost a lot of weight, others self esteem have shot up and it's helped people overcome back problems.

"It's really changed their lives," Miss Smith added.

Pole dancing is believed to have started in clubs in Canada in the late 1980s and only over the last two or three years has it been taken out of seedy strip joints and into dance studios.

Jo Roper, from The Goddess School of Pole Dancing, said: "I have women from 16 to 60 in my classes. Almost one in three girls has tried pole dancing and many have their own poles.

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"I have girls who do business dinners, wedding parties and teach other women themselves. The demand wasn't there for pole dancing a few years ago, it is now."

Ms Roper has 16 years of dance experience and has performed routines on Channel 5's Trisha Goddard Show, in front of celebrities and at the London launch of the Pole Dance Federation.

Women who don't necessarily want to be taught in classes can now also do it in the privacy of their own home with a 'Peek-a-boo pole'.

The portable pole gives girls the opportunity to try new moves and keep fit on their own. The more pole practise a girl gets, the more confident, fitter and better she will feel.

For more information about Ms Roper's classes held at venues in Canterbury, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, see www.cardiostriptease.co.uk, or to find out more about Miss Smith's classes at Topnotch, in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, call 07944



BIG FAN: Kelly Brook keeps in shape by pole dancing

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It's snow joke now we don't get much of the white stuff

What happened to proper snow? Not the stuff we have had for the last couple of years which appears overnight and by the afternoon has melted to nothing. I mean proper, long lasting, weeks on end, Trans-Siberian, SNOW!

A couple of weeks ago there was at least the prospect of some. People in my office were looking outside excitedly to see if the sleet that briefly appeared might start to lie properly. They talked of terrible snow-filled adventures of the past when they had to wear mittens joined by a piece of string.

The police even issued serious warnings to motorists to be prepared for the worst. This included extra clothing, a pick and shovel, tyre chains, food for three months, a wind up radio, a mobile phone, satellite navigation, a portable generator, a skidoo and, if you could get it into the back of your Fiat Panda, a yak.

And I wish the Met Office would stop issuing

these 'severe' weather warnings. It just gets everybody's hopes up unnecessarily; three times this year they have anticipated serious events that have come to nothing.

They should spend a bit less time warning people about the weather and more time predicting it.

Anyway, I don't want people warned; let's face it there's nothing like watching other people's valuables being swept down the middle of a flooded high street to really make one feel better about oneself, and the smart decision to buy a house somewhere else

I know they have had some quite bad snow in the north of the country and I say lucky them. I don't think we have had a serious winter for at least 20 years now.

When I was a kid I remember snow being around till the end of March. Once we had a whole week off school. We spent hours sabotaging those boilers.

When else can you pelt someone with ice packed projectiles and not be done for assault; claiming it's all just a bit of fun?

When can I next stuff snow down the back of

my brother's jumper and tell him not to be such a wimp when he starts crying. He may be 42 but I'm still going to do it.

Winters must have been worse then. My Uncle Frank even used to have an old pair of snow shoes hanging up on the wall of the garage. The things that look like tennis racquets strapped to your feet. They must have been vital for his trips to the newsagents to get his St Bruno ready rubbed pipe tobacco.

We need snow. It breaks up the monotony of the long winters and helps to keep the rhythm of the seasons. In fact what happened to seasons? Now we just seem to have two. April to October is a weird mixture of spring and summer, or Sprummer as perhaps it should be called, when anything can happen from drought to a plague of frogs.

The rest of the year is a new season called grey.

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CHILDREN IN NEED: Eleanor Meade is looking for people to look after and raise youngsters who have lost their parents



Could you provide a family and a future for foster children?

FOSTER care agency Family Matters is on the lookout across Kent to find people who want to look after and raise children.

The Folkestone-based agency is run by husband and wife team Antony and Eleanor Meade and provides help and support to a network of carers.

Both part-time and full-time, the dedicated workers give their time and efforts to look after children who have lost their natural parents one way or another.

Mrs Meade explained she is looking for other people to take on the demanding but rewarding role in what is a business – but run like an extended family.

She said: "Family Matters says it all really – we offer support, training and expertise to our carers, who currently number around 30.

"Not all of them look after the children all the time and in some cases our carers look after more than one child in a family group situation

"When emergencies happen we ensure everyone stays connected with each other.

"No carers or children are ever left alone."
The business was formed several years ago when Mr and Mrs Meade became concerned at the lack of support available to them in their own role as carers.

"Frankly what we were offered left a lot to be desired," said Eleanor. "Then a couple of BY **NICK AMES**

friends approached us and asked us if they could become carers as well. I almost said don't do it – but luckily stopped myself.

"It was then we decided to do the job our-

"There are so many children out there who need this sort of help from people who will stick with them through thick and thin."

Now Family Matters is on a drive to recruit more carers across the county.

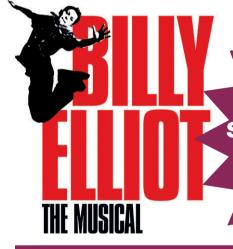
"We offer full training and generous recompense," said Mrs Meade.

"What we need is people who are enthusiastic, resolute and have lots of life experience. They also need to be both optimistic and flexible with their time and arrangements

"We also require people who are prepared to work as part of a team.

"We welcome people from all walks of life, with all different views and beliefs. Anyone with any faith – or none at all for that matter is welcome to come alongside and work with us."

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In 2008, Norfolkline plan to introduce a new programme of children's entertainment on board all of their ships on the Dover-Dunkerque route and at certain times of the year the newly-chosen mascot will be on the ships to entertain children and families during the two-hour crossing.

Norfolkline and KOS Media are inviting all primary schools throughout the county to enter.

Entries can be sent in either as a school group, school children independently, but sent in with a counter signature by the form teacher. Three suggestions of names are permitted per entry.

There are no other restrictions and 'Name The Mascot' suggestions

do not necessarily have to have a nautical or French theme.

To accompany all entries, Norfolkline and KOS Media would also like to receive an illustration of the number one choice of name – or all three choices if preferred – along with a written description and the history/ thoughts that have gone into coming up with the idea for a mascot's name.

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TALK TIME

STMON MARCHANT

The press officer for Medway Green Party tells us about how he would like to see the area develop in a more eco-friendly way.



What do you hope to achieve in Medway?

Nothing less than a sustainable, low-carbon existence with a higher quality of life that is not measured by our purchasing power (standard of living), nor dependant on the purchasing of consumer goods for the sake of it. Green party politics is all about sustainability, quality of life and true social justice.

What do you make of the regeneration? Is it a good thing for Medway?

We find it hard to see who benefits from the money being spent, apart from the construction industry. Regeneration in other parts has consisted of a large, ill fitting, building; museum, library, theatre etc, which is somehow supposed to bring investment into the area - it usually doesn't. We feel money could be better spent on, affordable, sustainable housing, home insulation and micro power and heat facilities, a useful and sustainable public transport system and/or better recreational facilities which all seem to be suffering, due to budget issues.

Kingsnorth power station – should it be allowed to build coal-fired units?

No. The present building has up to 25 years of life left in it. We feel E.ON wish to build this design, now, so as to avoid the more stringent emissions requirements coming from the EU in a few years time. They build more efficient stations in Europe and some of those are small de-centralised, wood chip and straw burners. There is no working commercial carbon dioxide capture and storage system anywhere in the world and district heating can't work without guaranteed purchasers, which British legislation prevents for public 'choice' reasons. Kent has as much clear sky as some Spanish desert, sustainable coppiced wood and straw, a windy coastline and some big tidal flows, these should be used instead

Your Letters



What's the harm in one more station?

I was interested to see MEP Nigel Farage's support for the new coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth.

His argument is compelling and makes a lot of sense, especially when our oil and gas supplies are reliant upon the likes of the Middle East and Russia, with whom relations have dropped to a post Cold War low.

Global warming is rightly a concern as we all know. But the Chinese are building literally dozens of new coal-fired stations, so a couple more here will not make any real difference AND we can perhaps lead the world in showing how to dispose of carbon

I respect the work of Greenpeace and its members, who are obviously sincere in their wish to save and improve our planet.

Unfortunately this is the 21st century and our lives rely on a reliable supply of electricity and that has to be balanced with the needs of the Earth.

I think Mr Farage talked sense, it may not be popular but he is

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an elected representative and provided those views are his own and not those of some electricity company lobbyists – then he is

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a politician to whom we should listen.

> Name and address with held at the request of the writer

Nuclear decision putting the wind up green campaigners

Wind power isn't reliable enough

Steve Dawe of Kent Green Party says in last week's paper that eight times more electricity could be generated than what we now use from offshore wind alone, according to British Wind Energy Association.

They also tell you, on the site BWEA.com, that wind generator output is proportional to the cube of the wind speed, (a law of physics), and peaks at 36mph, described on the Beaufort Scale as Force 7, Near Gale.

Thus at half speed, the output of a 1,000 kw generator is a half of a half of a half of 1,000, that is 125 kw. At one third speed, you get one 27th, 37 kw. Below 9mph, zero.

At full power, 30,000MW could meet half the UK maximum demand, but it never happens with wind. With the winds actually blowing from December 10-24, the total output of 30,000MW wind machines spread across Britain would have seldom exceeded 2,000MW, and on some days would be below 200MW. In any winter, output would seldom reach above 15,000MW. Traditional power kept the lights on, and printing presses rolling.





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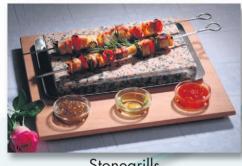
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Look at the hourly speeds shown on Ceefax 404, up them by 30 per cent, because wind machines are on tall towers, and do the sums yourself. I have. Wind cannot deliver reliably. Ask wind farm owners for actual hourly outputs for December.

When we close an elderly traditional power station, with what shall we replace it? Wind will mean blackouts, fossil fuel gives CO2, with nuclear we get neither. France, with 85 per cent nuclear for decades, has no problem with waste. Why should we?

I was the engineering manager responsible for electricity supplies in the Medway-Gravesend-Swanley area for nearly 20 years.

Bill Hyde, DFH, C. Eng, FIET, from Offham, by email

Thank you to store for such generosity

This year, along with many of my Marie Curie nursing colleagues, I spent the festive period with a patient so that they could be at home with their family.

I am writing to say thank you to Asda for kindly donating 250 gifts – luxury bouquets of flowers and an Olay Complete Moisturiser – to nurses, like me, who gave up time with their own families so that someone with a terminal illness could spend their final Christmas at home.

Marie Curie nurses care for terminally ill patients 365 days a year – giving them the choice of staying where they feel most comfortable, surrounded by the people and things they love the most.

While it is an honour to share

such a special time with patients, I thank Asda for recognising the difference it makes to patients and their families.

> Linda Damon, Marie Curie Nurse, by email



The problem should not have got so bad

Good to see our MP for Chatham (and Aylesford) in one of our schools to promote a reading campaign. It is National Year of Reading 2008 apparently and he rightly asked every school and college (and employer) to pledge to join.

employer) to pledge to join.

Like many people I believe this is exactly the sort of thing we shouldn't need.

With literacy standards and abilities among school leavers at an all-time low since the Second World War, this government should be ashamed they have allowed standards to fall so much.

Not only are children today left

without proper advice or teaching in basic grammar and spelling, many (I am tempted to say the majority) of our teachers have little idea of spelling or apostrophes either.

Take a look at your child's next school report, see how many errors you can find.

Head teachers really should go back to basics. So long as children have that – the ability to read and express themselves properly – everything else is easy.

Charles Stone, Chatham



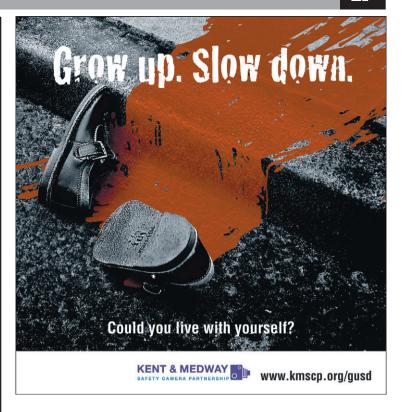
Glad the Gills can appreciate comedy

So happy Mr Scally and the boys from Gillingham FC had a night out at the panto.

It could not have been as funny as their antics on the field most of the time... and often in the boardroom eh?

I hope they all learned something, especially Mark Stimson who may not have been aware of the comic team he had joined.

Former Gills fan, by email



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Great Scot, it's time to celebrate

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CELEBRATE the life of Scotland's favourite son with a fun-packed Burns Night extravaganza.

Scots across the globe take time out to mark poet Robert Burns's presumed birthday, January 25, and the Trinity Theatre is offering a chance to celebrate in true Highland style.

Get the evening going with a whisky mac, glass of wine or soft drink, which is included in the ticket price, before the Royal Scottish Dance Society takes to the stage. Members of the Tunbridge Wells branch will be demonstrating the energetic and visually stunning dancing that makes such great entertainment.

There will be comedy from The Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre, a hilarious show of sketches and songs from a double act that made a splash at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

A master of the Highland and border pipes will be showing off his extraordinary skills later in the evening. Fred Morrison, who also plays Irish uillean pipes and low whistle, was named Instrumentalist of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards in 2004. His exuberant, improvisational style has earned him an international reputation for excellence, combining Gaelic piping with eclectic influences.

His sound has been described as "the nearest thing to jazz you'll hear in Scottish piping". He is an indemand soloist, having supported bands like Runrig and Capercaillie, and he is a founder member of Gaelic group Ceolas. He joined Capercaillie for three years, during which time he played on and helped to write music for the film, Rob Roy.

Morrison's most recent activities include helping McCallum Bagpipes to develop a bellows blow pipe, which will carry his name.

These celebrations are held in the name of Scotland's national Bard,



GAEL FORCE: Instrumentalist Fred Morrison will entertain at the Burns Night festivities

Robert Burns. Born in Ayrshire in 1759, Burns was the eldest of seven children. As the son of a poor tenant farmer, he was expected to graft on the land, but his father insisted he should also have a good education.

A tutor was employed to teach Burns and his younger brother, Gilbert. As a result, Burns became well read and he wrote his first poem, My Handsome Nell, at the age of 15. It was mainly about his love of scotch and women, with writing being another way to escape his severe circumstances.

After the publication of his first poetry collection, he became a nation-

BURNS NIGHT SPECIAL Saturday, January 26 Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

al celebrity. But fame did not bring fortune and he took a job as an exciseman to pay the bills, while con-

tinuing to write.

Burns died of heart disease at the age of 37 and more than 10,000 people attended the burial.

Tickets to the festival cost £20. There will also be Scottish dancing workshops at 11am and noon on Saturday, costing £3 per person.

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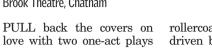
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side of relationships. Performed by the awardwinning Play on Words Theatre Company, Celtic Coupling features two Irish stories which examine the isolation that can be experienced within relationships.

which explore the darker

The plight of a rural, working class wife is explored in Geraldine Aron's A Galway Girl. Two lonely souls who share a love of classical music, sandwiches and massage parlours are brought together in Melody Deirdre Kinahan.

Described as "an emotional

rollercoaster", the plays are driven by the excellent acting skills of Aidan Cooley and Miriam Cooper.

The company won an Edinburgh Fringe First Award in 2006, while Aidan earned worldwide acclaim for his performance in Tom Crean - Antarctic Explorer. Miriam has also won plaudits for Sister Queens at Fuse Festival 2006, where Celtic Coupling enjoyed a sell-out run.

Performances start at 8pm and tickets cost £10, concessions available. To book call the box office on 01634 338338 or see www.med way.gov.uk/theatres



CHRIS BARBER

Monday, February 4 Orchard Theatre, Dartford



AN UNFORGETABLE night of jazz and blues is on offer with great British trombonist Chris Barber.

With a career spanning more than 50 years, Barber has a wealth of fantastic sounds and styles at his fingertips. The programme will include some of his favourite music, including his signature tune, Bourbon Street Parade, and the soulful blues sound of Miles Davis

He formed his own band in 1949 at the age of 19 and, in its various incarnations, the act has become one of Europe's most successful traditional jazz bands.

Over the years, Barber has played more than 10,000 concerts, made 100 recordings and appeared on stage with the likes of Van Morrison and Mark Knopfler.

Together with Harold Pendleton, Barber initiated the National Jazz and Blues Festival in Reading in 1961 which grew into the Reading Rock Festival. He was awarded the OBE for his services to music in 1991.

The performance starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £16. Call the box office on 01322 220000 or see www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.





Friday, January 25 Woodville Halls, Gravesend

THE glamour of Las Vegas comes to Kent in the form of a spectacular musical show.

Featuring West End performers, One Night in Vegas celebrates the best music, songs, dancing and magic from Sin City. Hailed as the UK's number one Vegas entertainment show, the production features all the beautiful dancing girls, stunning costumes and mind-blowing numbers any fan could want.

Singer/songwriter and overall showman

Martyn Lucas will be at the heart of the action with his grand piano, along with favourite numbers from Phantom of the Opera, Copacabana and Dreamgirls.

The music will be provided by members of the British Philharmonic Orchestra, who have accompanied stars such as Shirley Bassey and Michael Ball. Daniel Dean, a British Champion of Illusion, will be performing amazing routines which have not been seen outside Vegas before.

Escape the grey English winter with this colourful show, which starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £16/£15. To book call 01474 337774 or see www.woodvillehalls.com.

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Puss in Boots special raise cash for Daniel

RAINHAM Theatrical Society is staging a fundraising show of Puss in Boots.

The pantomime has been playing to packed houses at The Oasthouse Theatre for weeks. The performance tomorrow night will raise money to help local boy Daniel Feakins, who has muscular atrophy type two.

The show starts at 8pm. To book tickets call 01634 233660. Puss in Boots finishes on Saturday.

Fundraiser is a varied night of entertainment

AN AMATEUR variety show is being held at the Brook Theatre in Chatham to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

The show, presented by Lardi Girl Productions, will celebrate the lives of people who are lost to cancer every year.

The performance starts at 7.30pm on

Saturday. Tickets cost £10, concessions available. Call 01634 338338 or visit www.medway.gov.uk/theatres

Musical youngsters are invited to workshops

YOUNG instrumental music students are invited to take part in special workshops with two top musicians.

Don Rendell and Steve Waterman will be leading the free, fun sessions at the Woodlands Community Centre in Woodlands Road, Gillingham, on Friday. The workshops start at 7pm and the pair will give a concert with a 10-piece jazz band at 7.50pm.

Anyone interested can contact Harry Stubberfield on 01634 231698 or just go along on the day.

The Deccas to headline launch of gig night

A NEW music night is being launched at The Beacon Court Tavern in Gillingham.

Black & White Music Promotions already runs successful monthly events on Thursdays and will now be staging gigs on the last Friday of every month. The Deccas will headline the launch, along with Letters From London and The Ambience.

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ALIEN V PREDATOR - REQUIEM (15)



When a Predator scout ship crash-lands in a Colorado town, the Aliens on board escape and kill all Predators except one. The last remaining Predator must now destroy all Aliens. Meanwhile, the townsfolk are

helplessly caught in the middle of the ultimate face-off. WALK HARD, THE DEWEY COX STORY (15)



America loves Dewey Cox, but behind the music is the up-and-down-up-and-down-again story of a musician whose songs would change a nation. On his rock'n'roll spiral, Cox sleeps with 411 women, marries three times, has 22 kids and 14 stepkids, stars in his own TV show, collects friends, and gets addicted to – and then kicks – every drug known to man. But despite it all he grows into a national icon and earns the love of a good woman.

This old man's feeling bright

BY **ROBIN WALKER**

TOMMY LEE JONES, like the screen characters he usually plays, is a brusque man of few words with a Texan drawl and old-school politeness. Don't expect him to bare his soul for publicity's sake and you'll get along just fine.

The part-Cherokee Texan of predominantly Welsh-extraction has made a career out of depicting stoic men as weathered as the lines on his face. His two latest roles are a case in point — a grizzled sheriff pining for the old days in Joel and Ethan Coen's No Country For Old Men and the anguished father of a casualty of the Iraq War in Paul Haggis's searing In The Valley Of Elah.

Both films slice into the dark underbelly of modern America. In No Country For Old Men, a psychopath (Javier Bardem) kills at random while drug gangs wage war as things get out of control in Texas.

Meanwhile, In The Valley of Elah deals with a grieving former military police investigator seeking the truth about his son's AWOL death.

Best known for the Men In Black special effects blockbusters, Tommy Lee maintains he isn't making any personal political statements about the state of American society with his two latest projects.

"I don't consider my private feelings to be relevant in any way," he says. "I don't have any political statements to make other than what you can see or discern from looking at my work"

Nor should you read any underlying pessimism into the choice of films. "My world view is pretty bright. I enjoyed making those two films," he states.

No Country For Old Men is set in the unfor-

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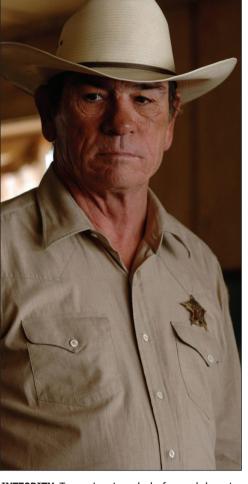
giving Texas borderlands during the 80s, as drug money and armed gangs from Mexico began to tear hard-bitten communities apart at the seams. Tommy Lee's sheriff longs for a quieter time when the bad guys didn't have Uzis.

In The Valley of Elah is a jaundiced look at how President Bush's controversial invasion of Iraq has hurt many American families on a personal level.

The film is based on a real case in 2003 when Iraq war veteran Richard Davis was fatally stabbed. It highlights the violence that can follow servicemen home.

The nearest this tight-lipped star ever got to making a political stand was speaking up for his friend and former Harvard classmate Al Gore in 2000.

He studied English literature there before moving to New York in 1969 and falling into acting. Through stage, television and then



INTEGRITY: Tommy Lee Jones looks for good character

films he has built up a reputation for playing strong characters with deep emotion.

Married three times, and a father of two with second wife Kimberlea, these days he spends much of his time with third wife Dawn on his 3,000 acre ranch near San Antonio, Texas.

He likes to live close to his roots but isn't one of those stars who denigrates Hollywood: "I actually like the movie business and work at it all year round, as well as ranching. One is not an antidote to the other, more a complement to the other.

"You just look for good parts and good stories. Characters with no integrity are just as interesting as characters with lots of integrity"



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Leap into an adventure

BY **GINNY WARNER**

WHIZZING through the treetops 100ft above ground wasn't quite how I'd expected to experience the lush beauty of St Lucia's rainforest.

"Come on, mum," said 16-year-old James, as I stood on the first zip-line platform with my knees knocking. "You can do it."

I stood nervously while the guides clipped my harness on to the twin cables, took up the sitting position as instructed... and stepped off, trying not to think about the huge drop below me.

There was a whoosh of air, a whizz of the zipline, and I landed on the next platform within seconds, having not taken in any of my surroundings!

Having got one under my belt, I started to get the hang of it and enjoy it a bit more, although I still didn't see an awful lot of wildlife. I suspect most of it had been scared off by all the foreigners hurtling through the trees.

During the 30-minute journey to the Rainforest Canopy Adventure, our driver Neville had stopped to show us breadfruit and starfruit trees, mahogany, nutmeg and cinnamon trees, bamboo – which can grow 12 inches in a day – and of course bananas, the island's second biggest industry after tourism.

I'm relieved to say the second sightseeing trip we organised during our holiday, to the



STUNNING: Wherever you look beautiful scenery surrounds you on the Caribbean island of St Lucia

island's former French capital, Soufriere, didn't involve re-enacting a Bushtucker Trial from I'm A Celebrity.

Our driver this time, Edmund, was happy to stop for us to take photos of places of interest en route, including two fishing villages, Laborie and Choiseul, and St Lucia's famous twin mountains, the Pitons, which are a World Heritage Site.

First we went to the Sulphur Springs – the world's only drive-in volcano. Part way in we

joined informative local expert Christina for a close-up look on foot and to 'enjoy' the delicate eggy aroma.

Edmund then took us to the Toraille waterfall for a refreshing dip before driving to the nearby Botanical Gardens and the Diamond Falls

We ended our trip in Soufriere itself, whose impressive waterfront area was the setting for the film Romancing The Stone. Unfortunately we had to cut our visit short because of a tropical downpour. Well, it was still the rainy season and, after all, that's what makes this island – dubbed La Belle Helene – so green and lush.

In between trips we were happy to relax at our hotel, Coconut Bay Resort & Spa.

My teenagers spent hours in the pool, playing games such as volleyball with their new friends, or splashing about on the waterpark slides and in the 'lazy river'. They also worked their way through the menu of non-alcoholic cocktails at the swim-up bar and sampled the different burgers available from the beachside grill.

I relished the escape of the adults-only pool, where I could soak up the sun and read my book with only the sound of birds singing and the Atlantic waves breaking on the beach as background — rather than the music and happy holiday noises around the family pools.

At the end of the holiday the hotel's proximity to the airport was a bonus as we were able to stay by the pool to grab some final rays until just two hours before our flight home. It was hard to tear ourselves away and we hope to return soon.

FACT FILE: ST LUCIA

Time differenceUK -4 hoursCurrencyEast Caribbean \$5.33 to £1CapitalCastriesPopulation161,000LanguageEnglish, French-based patoisReligionRoman CatholicClimateTropical

Holiday details

Ginny Warner was a guest of Coconut Bay Resort & Spa in St Lucia. Her stay was arranged by Virgin Holidays, which offers seven nights' all-inclusive at the resort from £899, including Virgin Atlantic flights ex-Gatwick to St Lucia and transfers. Prices per adult based on two adults travelling and sharing a room, for departures in 2008. Child prices for under-12s start from £199. Seven nights in St Lucia, flying from Manchester incl flights and transfers and accommodation on an all inclusive basis start from £999. Prices may be subject to increases in fuel surcharge or Air Passenger Duty.

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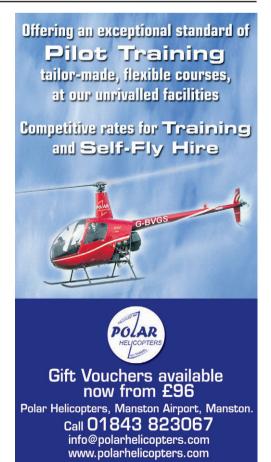
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There will be 30 stalls selling a variety of quality arts, crafts and collectable memorabilia. Subsequent fayres will be held on the last Sunday of every month.

Mark Rumfitt, Centre Manager at Hempstead Valley said, "This will showcase local specialist companies and their quality hand crafted goods."

Bluewater visit for top chef Jean-Christophe

CELEBRITY chef and ladies' favourite Jean-Christophe Novelli will be appearing at Bluewater on Tuesday, February 12

The French firebrand won a new legion of fans when he took over from Gordon Ramsay on ITV's Hell's Kitchen. He will be signing copies of his new cookery book, Everyday Novelli, at Waterstone's from 5pm.

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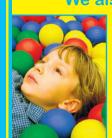
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SATURDAY: MATCH OF THE DAY (10.25pm): As the football season hots up, Gary Lineker presents a round-up of all the day's Premier League matches.

SUNDAY: EASTENDERS (3.10pm): Catch up with the week's comings and goings in Albert Square in this afternoon's two-hour omnibus edition.

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SATURDAY: HANNAH AND HER SISTERS (11.30PM): Woody Allen, Mia Farrow and Michael Caine star in this Academy Award-winning film following three sisters living in New York and their relationships.

SUNDAY: AN OTTER IN THE FAMILY (5PM):
Documentary following TV presenter Philippa Forrester
and her partner after this adopted an otter club called
Grace who needs to return to the wild.

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SATURDAY: HANNIBAL (10pm): Anthony Hopkins returns as Hannibal Lector in a gruesome sequel to Silence of the Lambs. Julianne Moore takes over the role of FBI agent Clarice Starling.

SUNDAY: DANCING ON ICE (6pm): The stars return to the ice in an effort to get through week three of the contest and win your phone votes. Results show is at 8.30pm.



SATURDAY: ER (8pm): It's another busy day in the emergency room of Chicago's County General as the team face treating two wounded police auxiliary officers.

SUNDAY: GORDON RAMSAY COOK-A-LONG LIVE (8PM): Another chance to see the celebrity chef encourage you to cook a three-course meal in just one hour.

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SATURDAY: ONLY THE LONELY (6.10pm): John Candy, Ally Sheedy and James Belushi star in a bittersweet tale of a cop trying to leave home and his strong-willed mother after falling in love.

SUNDAY: YOUNG GUNS II (6.50pm): Entertaining Wild West romp featuring the Eighties Brat Pack stars of Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland and Christian Slater as Billy the Kid and his gang of wanted men.

Kevin's out in the cold over his grand designs

BY **GEMMA QUADE**

"I'M bloody freezing on a building site in Kent, traipsing through mud," says Kevin McCloud, presenter of Channel 4's Grand Designs, when I ask him where he is during our phone conversation.

Not that he's complaining. The 48-year-old says he loves his job, despite enduring the cold and the damp on location.

When we speak, he is visiting a project that he hopes will be shown towards the end of the new series of Grand Designs which began its new run last week on Channel 4. He says hopes because the build is currently running horribly behind schedule.

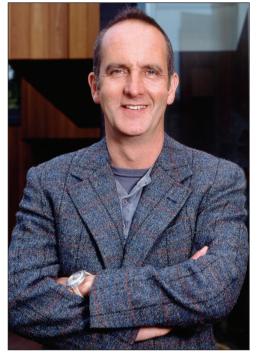
"No doubt we'll be filming the final spools six days before transmission," Kevin groans goodnaturedly.

"It's a super-technology house where the building itself collects heat from the sun, stores it underground and air conditions the house. It's a prototype house and it's very exciting technology, plus it's green."

Other treats in store this series include a couple who have to build 60 per cent of their new house underground in order to keep within height restrictions in their Grade 2 listed area, a Gothic-style home in Monmouthshire and a beautiful stone building made of interlinking decagons.

After 10 years of Grand Designs, Kevin is still excited by the show. To celebrate Channel 4's 25th anniversary last year, viewers were treated to a repeat of his favourite project, Ben Law's self-sufficient woodland home.

But what about the worst? Well, if any of you saw the last series, you will probably remember a pretty hideous houseboat in Kent, and



DEDICATED: Kevin McCloud travels all over the country to view the various projects he works on for the show

you may also recall that Kevin didn't hold back on his criticism of the project.

"It was actually a very good, watchable film, but a terrible piece of architecture," he says now with a grimace.

It's this sort of honesty that viewers enjoy about Grand Designs and Kevin's presenting. But he insists he gets no joy out of being derogatory about a project into which a contributor has put their life and soul, and all their money, and tries to avoid it at all costs.

"We've pretty well always chosen projects

that I like, because what's the point of making a film about something you don't like?" the father-of-four asks.

"It's all right if it takes a week to make the show, but the whole of my life is spent doing these things, and I'm damned if I'm going to find myself getting more and more depressed and negative about the world simply because of my day-to-day work. I want to do something positive and celebratory.

"We did experimentally take on projects I didn't like, to see whether or not that would have any value, and I can categorically say that it was a complete waste of time," he says. "Architecture affects other people, so we should be building good stuff and Grand Designs should be showing good, exemplary buildings," he continues, getting into his stride.

"It's a very negative experience to make programmes that are critical and cynical and that denigrate and it's very difficult when you build relationships with people to then stand in front of them and slag their project off. Ultimately you fall into the same trap that every other programme maker falls into. It's easy to be rude about things."

Kevin leads somewhat of a nomadic life.

Kevin leads somewhat of a nomadic life. Projects that he visits can be anywhere from Aberdeen to the South Downs, so much of his life is spent travelling from one to the other. How do he and his family cope with that?

"The filming is inspiring, even in the rain and the wind, the mud and the cold. It's the travelling that's the killer.

"It interrupts my life. Not my family – my family, frankly, come first on the list. It's my social life – I don't have one! I see my kids, but I don't see anybody else, I just end up going to a pub by myself. It's pathetic."





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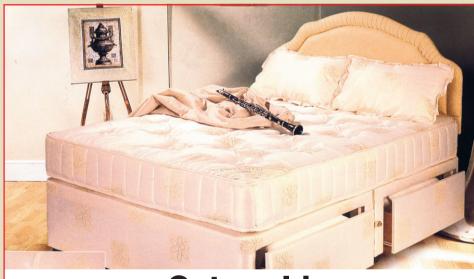
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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSFLL GRANT



• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aquarius 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
LENDING money to a friend could lead to disaster. You don't want a petty thing like finance get in the way of a good relationship. A chance to broaden your horizons could put you in the path of romance. Alternately, you could have a chance to hone your artistic skills.

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YOUR insistence on having a good time could eat away at a close friendship. Lately, you haven't been there for a woman you've always admired and respected. It's not as though you're indifferent to her needs. Turn your back on selfish desires, even if it wrenches your heart to do so.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
LENDING money to a man who is down on his luck won't solve his problems. This person needs professional help you can't provide. A painful career matter could finally come to an end, giving you more time for domestic pursuits. You'll soon see this disappointment is a blessing.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
A RELATIVE could be making trouble for you at work. It's probably best to refuse this person's calls and emails, or your progress will be undermined. Friendship could turn to romance with very little encouragement. A glamorous work assignment is yours for the asking.

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RESIST the urge to push a loved one into going against their conscience or your relationship will be permanently strained. You could find a spacious, sunny place in a neighbourhood you've always wanted to live. Don't worry about finding the money to finance this purchase.

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VIRCO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
THE temptation to lay the law down to a relative may be great. Unfortunately, forcing them to make a decision will reflect badly on you. Back off and let your loved one make up their own mind. Fortunately, a romance will distract you from this frustrating situation.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21) STOP giving way to a bossy business or romantic partner or you'll start to resent them. You've always cherished your freedom. An exciting moneymaking opportunity will come your way. It will involve a great deal of responsibility, but the personal sacrifice will be worth it.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
YOU won't impress an expert with your rudimentary knowledge of their subject. It's better to listen and learn while you're in this person's presence. An authority figure will be grateful when you roll up your sleeves to do some grunt work. Take more time for chilling out.

 To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aries 09067-531752

YOU won't be able to keep cool any longer with a colleague who continually takes advantage of you. You've got to put an end to this unbearable situation. If you're looking for love, you could find it at a bookstore, library, or stationery store. Keep your eye open for a well-educated executive.

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IMPOSING your political or religious beliefs on a close friend is a mistake. You need to agree to disagree. Let your differences enhance your friendship, rather than rob it of joy. Spending time at home alone can bring the contentment you seek. When in doubt, turn inward.

 To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Libra 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
BEWARE of pushing yourself too hard. Treat your body like a temple, at least for this week. Going on a business trip or adding to your skills and qualifications will open new doors for you. If you're given an opportunity to do something new, grab it with both hands.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Led out behind grating to find hotplate (7)
- **5** Lack the cause of that fonder feeling (7)
- 9 Leave out jump over rope (4)
- **10** Cause someone to be disappointed with song Denis composed first (10)
- **12** Herb's divine first of all (8)
- 13 Fix it firmly in some rancho readily (6)
- **14** What one might expect to earn from the firm (6,6)
- 17 How one in the driver's seat will control the horsepower
- 21 Call in question removal of pop-gun (6)
- **23** Stuck in an area of hard water (8)
- 24 Tall serviceman? (4.6)
- 25 In fog it might be deposited on eastern edge first (4) **26** Lower in rank (7)
- **27** Little room with Stan performing he's athletic (7) **DOWN**
- **2** Stopping without starting and doing some gardening (6)
- **3** Gloomy journalists in action (9)
- 4 Wrecker having diluted concoction (7)
- **6** Benjamin and I accepted girl, one coming from SE Asia (7)
- **7** It's to do with morals of some of the thickest! (5)
- **8** Do battle for a starter (8)
- 11 Saddest rani struggling to make uniform (11)
- **15** Accelerator removed from Con's motor (9)
- **16** Include many a broken promise (8)
- **18** A ton of land (7)
- **19** Plenty I distributed inappropriately (7)
- **20** Problem in a rising hostility (6)
- **22** Gus heroically included the doorkeeper (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Slander (7)
- **5** Tummy (7)
- **9** Hebrew prophet (4)
- 10 Habitual lewdness (10)
- **12** Male horse (8) **13** Treble (6)
- 14 One of the last four (12)
- **17** Tissue (12)
- **21** 12% (6)
- 23 Great skill (8)
- **24** Railway track repairer (10)
- **25** Expression of disgust (4)
- **26** Charm (7) **27** Vast (7)

DOWN

- 2 Meteor (anag.) (6)
- 3 Revealed (9)
- 4 Bluish-white element (7)
- 6 Somerset town (7)
- 7 Muslim leader (5)
- 8 Negligent (8)
- 11 Heir (11) 15 Way of living (9)
- 16 Chime of bells (8)
- 18 Level of command (7)
- 19 Termini (anag.) (7)
- 20 Spring flower (6)
- **22** Half-door (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE No 19: 1) Car missing on left 2) Top of lorry gone at front 3) Same number on two toll booths 4) Car on bridge is missing 5) Bridge support gone in distance

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS No19

ACROSS: 1 Storksbill 7 Frse 9 Clambake 10 Speech 11 Kite-flying 14 Anathema 15 Lahore 16 Bypass 18 Disunite 20 Night-nurse 23 Insect 24 Nonsense 25 Scut 26 Rheumatism. **DOWN:** 2 Toll 3 Romp 4 Shackle 5 Inertia 6 Lustful 7 Everything 8 Second-rate 12 Unhygienic 13 Attachment 17 Senator 18

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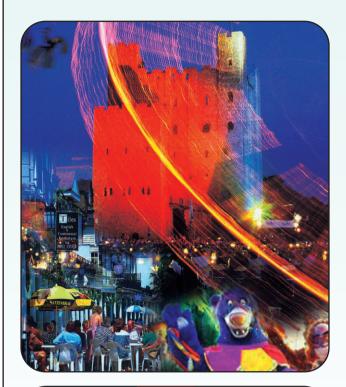








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Alister plays guitar in the Fat River Band, a folk outfit who perform regularly around the county.

This week we also have music from cockney duo Chas 'n Dave, proving they've still got it to a packed house at the Tap 'n Tin in Chatham, when the pair perform their classic hit Gertcha for your listening pleasure.

Or if you prefer something a little heavier you could take a look at Shameful Behavior being, well, shamefully entertaining.

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EMPTY: Gravesend Rockers 6

Years Lost perform The Sky is Empty live at the Shrimpers Regatta on Gravesend Prom - on a rather wet and windy day. See www.sixyearslost.co.uk.



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IN CHURCH: LD Frazier, the New York Gospel singer, performs at The Canterbury Festival in October last year. He will be at Rainham Methodist Church on Saturday. February 2. at 7.30pm.



Freetown, Sierra Leone, the Milton Margai School for the Blind create a breathtaking sound in Canterbury Cathedral as part of the Sing Freetown Tour.



LIVE: Cockney duo Chas 'n' Dave roll out their classic hit Gertcha at the Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham. Watch the crowd go wild, and observe the unorthodox seating position favoured by Chas.



ROCK ON: Big Hair, black and white make-up and chugging guitar. Yes, it's a rock band all right, namely Shameful Behaviour rocking out at the late lamented Ashford Rocks.



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Attractive, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special per son to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928

56yr old lady, well-built, 5'5", N/S, GSOH, funny nature, like films, theatre, eating out, WLTM N/S man, 56-60ish, to

make her laugh again. Medway/Maidstone. Box 412127 ①

Young, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection/TLC. Box 920739

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LIKE TO ENJOY LIFE
Happy-go-lucky female, 57, likes nice
walks, pubs/clubs, nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest,
caring man Box 435308
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LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE Divorced female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more Box 434901 DON'T PASS ME BY

DON'T PASS ME BY Young 61 year old, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR. Margate Box 434424 ◆

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THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

usual things and would like to find a

male counterpart. Box 431210

Widowed woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the

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HONESTY & HUMOUR PLEASE! Attractive female, 29, size 8-10, 5'8", long hair/blue eyes, enjoys gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest, reliable male 27-38 with a GSOH, for friendship possi-MISS THIS MISS OUT

his his wiss out hi, i'm Lisa, 30, blonde hair, attractive, love country walks, restaurants, socialising, cosy nights in, if you like the sound, then get back to me! Box 435104

TRAVEL HAPPY
Medway female, 36, 5ft8, blue/green
eyes, silm, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for
someone who could make me laugh, for
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NEW TO THE AREA Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cook-



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THE EYES HAVE IT

Black female, 38, 5ft2, have children, like nights out and cosy nights in, seeking someone to have a laugh with Box

Honest, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curvy, 5ft6, with a GSOH, many interests,

Attractive, trendy, outgoing, warm female, 30, dark brown eyes are a big feature, curvy but slim, like country pubs etc, WLTM spontaneous male for LTR.

MISSING MALE COMPANY
Chatty female, 36, 51⁴⁷, single mum,
blonde, slim, likes pubs, clubs, going out,
having fun, seeks male, for fun nights
out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889

for friendship & more, Box

Mandy, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum, WLTM honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432639 ①

Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

MISSING MALE COMPANY

THE WIT TO WOO! Kent female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH. no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising

GET IT TOGETHER

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CANTERBURY TALE

Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406670 ①

HOPING FOR MORE

32yr old kind, warm female, 5'6", cuddly bulld, love walking my dog, cosy nights in, evenings out, WLTM tall, honest, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 430933

430933 **TRY NEW THINGS**Mum of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559 **1**

RUTHE 1?

Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107 **Q** LESSONS IN LOVE

Loving, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLTM caring, honest, loving, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful.

meaningful. Box 422460 **O**AFRICAN ADVENTURE African lady, 33, brown eyes, likes social-ising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 413128 **TRUST MATTERS**

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Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 **①** SAMTIMES YOU NEED A MAN SAMI LIMES YOU NEED A MAN Sammy, 40 (just!), single Mum of 4, independent, own house, hard-working, seeking loyal, happy-go-lucky (like me!), easygoing male for fun and maybe relationship. Box 435686

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?
36 year old female, divorced with no children, brunette, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, ceroc, salsa,
seeking someone for dates and more.
Rainham Box 434374

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Single 36yr old female, like most things
in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddy build, good personality, seeking a
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Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 55°, likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664 ◆

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Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large
build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking
for thoughtful male to share good things
in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332
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WHERE R U?
Sincere, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 DON'T KEEP ME HANGING

Genuine, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, N/S, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love,

Maidstone area. Box 800308 TATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2

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Kind, loving female, 44, blonde, 54",
medium/curyy build, likes reading, live
music, countryside, walks, seeks similar,
adventurous male for happy times
together. Kent. Box 805846

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Even-tempered, kind female, 45, 5'2",
slim, green eyes, brown hair, likes cinema, restaurants, walking, animals, seeks
confident, romantic male for fun and
maybe more. Box 378907

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Honest, trustworthy female, 45, medium build, 5'6", divorced, tired of being alone, seeking man to share life with. Box EASYGOING NATURE

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Slim divorced woman, 48, dark brown shoulder length hair, hazel eyes, 5ft3.
Seeks genuine, thoughtful male, 43-54, slim-medium build, about 5ft10 or above. Box 897419

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48yr old, 5'5', dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 901027 & Q

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Young-looking, slim, attractive female,
48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH,
love music, holidays, going out & staying
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SHE'S THE ONE!
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests Box 435098 **①** READY TO START AGAIN

HI, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTM compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 ①

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Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181 **①** ② ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?

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Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive
lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in,
love animals, seeking a like-minded gent
for happiness. Box 433585
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Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8',
blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialsing, eating in/out, WLTM fun-loving,
kind, sporty male, 48-80, 5'10"+, to
share life. Box 165367
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Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks,

Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTM sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420
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53yr old bubbly lady, 6ft, like meals out, staying in, looking for caring man to share life's ups & downs. Box 435768 •

COUNTRY PLEASURES!

and nights in, seeking a like-minded, cuddly female. Box 897215 ① THE GOOD LIFE

THE GOOD LIFE

34yr old young-looking, shy at first male, 59°, medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking that special someone to share good moments with. Box 435061

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Love! Separated dad, 35, seeks somone to share time with. Enjoys eating out, cinema, walking, looking for a special friend for companionship and hopefully more. Box 897276 **⊕**FIRST-TIMER, BE GENTLE!

Attractive male, 37, medium build, enjoys countryside, travelling, children, animals & pubs, WLTM female 25-35 slim/medium build with similar interests for fun, friendship/serious relationship. Box 435731 **①**

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Capricom female, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sports, reading, WLTM someone in Maidstone area Box 434547

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MEET AND MATCH AND MORE Toby, 26, slim, muscular body, dark hair, green eyes, seeking any lady for fun, or even friendship/more. Box 435597 1

Young, adventurous, outgoing man, 32, enjoys outdoors, keeping fit and swimming, country walks, pubs, river walks and nights in cookies a literative of the cookies as the

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YOUR TIME IS COMING Maidstone male, 35, dark blond hair, dark eyes, nice looking, have 1 little girl, own business, varied interests, looking for a fun lady, under 40 Box 429375 TREAL MAN

REAL MAN
36yr old honest, kind, caring male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTM like-mind-ed, genuine female. Box 430440 •

Young 39-year-old single dad of 2, in south-east Kent, seeking someone 35-50, for fun times. Box 435048 **① Q A CERTAIN SMILE**

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Attractive, independent, professional
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Attractive, mixed race male, 40, 5'10", likes chatting, nights in. Looking for female under 41, who lives in Medway boroughs, for relationship. Box 897308

TWO'S COMPANY Thoughtful male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, look ing for a caring female to share good times Box 899053 **① ②** GILLINGHAM GENTLEMAN
Laid-back, 40yr old single dad of 2, like
country walks, going out, socialising,
seeks female, GSOH, for friendship,

seeks female, 43CH, for friendship, maybe more. Gilllingham. Box 409834
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Nice guy, 40, enjoys life, having fun, going out, staying in, loves motorsports, looking for a nice lady, to spend time with/more. Snodland Box 422668
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Blond, blue-eyed male, 42, slim, likes running, cycling, cinema, travel, music, martial arts, eating in/out, seeking an active lady with similar interests. Box active lady with si 432632 **Q GOOD SPORT**

Reliable, thoughtful, professional male, 42, 6'2", dark hair, hazel eyes, GSOH,

enjoys music, sports, cinema, meals out, WLTM like-minded, attractive female for friendship/more. Box 397492 **⊕** SUCCESSFUL AND SINGLE

Good looking male, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motorbike,

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I'm 45, 5f10, medium build, blue eyes, shaved head, like having fun, a laugh, love music and film, seeking a female 25-48 for romance. Box 435737
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Young-at-heart 44yr old male, blond hair,
blue eyes, easygoing nature, likes eating
out, music, cinema etc, WLTM adventurous, witty, fit female for possible LTR.
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Tall, fun-loving, good-looking former athlete, 44, lived in USA many years, likes music, sports cars, looking for dark haired or exotic lady, CSOH, for LTR.Ashford Box 430121

ON TOWN MARKS...

Happy, honest man, 43, 6ft, brown-hair/eyes, 2 children, attractive, true and active, varied interests, likes evenings in, weekends away, seeks similar female, for hopefully LTR. Box 940571 LOTS OF SMILES

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away, socialising, walks, seeking someone to enjoy life with Box 435393 ①

looking for friendship, maybe more with an intelligent, slim, attractive woman. I'm fit, 40s, sociable, sensitive, and fun.

Enjoy good company, like a drink and smoke. Box 897985

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Handsome, well-balanced, Maidstone male, 42, medium build, enjoys cinema, music, restaurant, seeks pretty, sponta-neous, slim lady, for all the good times ahead. Box 820901 •
PARTY TILL DAWN!

LIKE A LAUGH AND A JOKE
Young 51, good-looking, young-looking,
NS, GSOH, fit, slim, romantic, solvent,
caring, likes most things in life;
food/wine etc, seeking genuine lady to
share life with Box 434593
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Creative Tonbridge male, 45, sign writer,
very artistic/musical, seeks intelligent,
passionate, confident female, 30s-40s,
for possible relationship. Box 288403
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Sensitive, loyal, attentive, playful male,
51, enjoys gym, live music, cinema,
meals out, walks, conversation, WLTM
female, 45-65 for trust, friendship, possible
romance. Whitstable. Box 181246
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Cary, 55 years old, 6'3", large build, ex
doorman, solvent, looking for someone
to love and to have fun times with. Box
900009
SAVING ALL MY LOVE
55yr old honest, sociable, young at heart
man cincer hair seeking that special PARTY TILL DAWN!
Attention ladies! Nice looking, cheeky, fun loving guy, 42, seeks an attractive, fun loving female for loads of fun & laughs. East Kent. Box 824810
BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, lactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967
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Honest, tactile, romantic male 42, 5'10", green eyes, varied interests, the gym, wining, dining out, seeks female/single mum, 30-45, for friendship and more. Box 390669 • • LET'S CONNECT

SAVING ALL MY LOVE
55yr old honest, sociable, young at heart
man, ginger hair, seeking that special
lady companion to share great moments
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Looking for an extrovert, attractive female, 30-50, with a passion for tactile, hungry meetings. I'm 56 and can't wait to hear your voice! Box 429567 C'MON OVER 2 DOVER!

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Good-natured male, 55, 5'5", average
build/looks, likes coastal/country walks,
current affairs, usual interests, WLTM
similar female. Dover. Box 161359
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58yr old tactful, caring male, blue eyes, blond hair, like driving, country walks, waiting out, looking for a loving, likeminded female for TLC. Box 430565 CHEER ME UP
HI, I'm a tall, good-looking? easygoing, retired, tactile male, 60, GSOH, looking for a fun, intelligent, tactile lady, 45+, to enjoy ourselves. Box 434226 TRUE ROMANCE

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Men seeking men

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38yr old male seeks active guy, 18-66, for fun and friendship. Must be masculine, maybe builder, scaffolder, lorry driver etc. Box 824241 **Q** er etc. Box 82424 Gay male, 42, seeks down to earth, gay male for fun and romance. Box 803816

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PROPERTY NEWS

Greener housing is the way to go

ENERGY efficiency and the impact of the impending Energy Performance Certificates for rented accommodation as required by the EU is a hot topic in the world of property.

Is it worth investing in making improvements now, before this legislation is implemented next autumn?

Tina Nicholls, operations manager of Ashton Burkinshaw letting and property management agent, said: "New regulations already apply to HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupancy) and we expect that by autumn 2008 all rental properties will need Energy Performance Certificates.

"So, if landlords are refurbishing or doing major works, they should consult their local building regulations officer with a view to making changes now."

Key points to bear in mind are: Cavity wall and loft insulation are cost-effective measures to improve energy efficiency.

If replacing a boiler over 15 years old, you need a high-efficiency condensing boiler, preferably linked to modern heating controls. A combi boiler saves space as well as energy. Finally, replace appliances with ones displaying the Energy Saving Recommended logo.

Ms Nicholls added: "Although energy efficiency is unlikely to be a priority for all tenants, escalating utility bills have raised awareness of running costs and tenants do sometimes ask to see previous heating bills, for example."

Price conundrum as polls all differ

POLLS concerning an upturn or downturn in the price of houses varied this month, due to the variety of sources they draw information from.

Rightmove and Home.co.uk are both based on asking prices, but their monthly inflation rates show prices moving in opposite directions.

Douglas McWilliams, chief executive of Centre for Economics and Business Research said: "The poll of all the different polls show house prices have now flattened. The economic news confirms the UK economy will, at best, slowdown in 2008 even if it avoids a recession.

"Most economic commentators think house prices will fall in 2008. Evidence suggests 2008 will be the worst year for house prices since 1995 when house prices fell by 1.7 per cent."



AT RISK: Over 100,000 homes are meant to be built in the South East over the next ten years, but the wording of the Housing Bill could threaten the future of such plans

Could new homes be coming under threat?

MORE than 100,000 new homes scheduled to be built in the South East by 2020 are at risk because of poorly worded legislation which could lead to the effective nationalisation of independent housing associations.

The National Housing Federation is warning that the Housing Bill, which is currently going through parliament, would allow ministers to exert so much control over associations that they could be reclassified as public sector bodies – meaning they would no longer be able to lever in billions of pounds of private money to match public subsidy.

During the past two decades, housing associations have been able to raise more than £35bn of private finance to spend on new and

BY **NICK AMES**

existing homes, in addition to the £30bn that ministers have invested in the sector – making its funding model one of the most successful public-private partnerships of all time.

But the level of state control set out in the bill is so great that the federation believes the Office for National Statistics could reclassify housing associations, which are classed as voluntary and community organisations, as public bodies when it compiles the Government's accounts.

Under the accounting rules, public bodies are not allowed to borrow money privately as this would count against the public debt.

The proposed move could threaten the 104,406 homes set to be built in the region over the next 12 years.

Federation chief executive David Orr said: "We are very supportive of the Government's commitment to tackle the nation's housing crisis, and housing associations are keen to do whatever they can to respond.

"However, we are shocked that the Housing Bill, as it is currently drafted, would create a real danger of associations effectively being nationalised.

"We feel certain that the threat to the independent status of housing associations must be the result of poor drafting and not the intention of the Government.

"Unless ministers amend the bill we are genuinely concerned that housing associations will be reclassified as part of the public sector, and therefore unable to continue with their tried-and-tested financial model — putting a major plank of the Government's housing delivery programme at risk."

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- Conservatory. En-Suite To Master Bedroom Rainham Office 0845 3709 714



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- Double Garage Walderslade Office 0845 3709 714



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TUNBURY WOODS OIEO £207,000

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
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- 3 Bed. Fitted Kitchen & Built In Appliances
- · Oak Wood Flooring. Fitted Kitchen Garage. Excellent Decorative Condition

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3-4 Bedrooms

- Approximate 16'10 Kitchen/Diner
- Garage En Bloc

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PRICE RANGE £180,000-200,000

- 3 Bedrooms. Split Level. Garage
- No Forward Chain

• Needs Some Updating & Modernisation Rainham Office 0845 3709 714



CHATHAM PRICE RANGE £180,000-£190,000

- Victorian 3 Bedroom House
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- 3 Bedroom Detached
- Garage En Bloc No Chain
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- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Recently Modernised & Updated • 60' Rear Garden. Close To Amenities

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WALDERSLADE PRICE RANGE £175,000-£185,000

- Four Bedroom End Terrace
- Showeroom. Bathroom. 2 Receptions
- New Kitchen, Garage, Drive

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RAINHAM PRICE RANGE £170,000-£180,000

- Two Bed Semi Detached. ORP
- · Newly Installed Luxury Shower Room

 Stunning Landscaped Garden Approx 120' Rainham Office 0845 3709 714



DAVIS ESTATE PRICE RANGE £165,000-£175.000

- Ideal 3 Bed Semi With Corner Plot • Detached Garage. Driveway
- No Further Chain

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- Must Be Viewed To Be Fully Appreciated Strood Office 0845 3709 714



THE ESPLANADE £164,995

- 2 Bed 1st Floor Aptmnt On The Esplanade
- Open Views From The Lounge No Forward Chain

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• 2 Bed 3rd Floor Aptmnt. Under Cover Parking

OIEO £162,500

• Near Train Station & Historic High Street • No Chain

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CHATHAM PRICE RANGE £160,000-£175,000

- 3 Bed Victorian Mid Terrace
- Recently Fitted Kitchen. Downstairs WC · 2 Receptions. Near To The Town Centre

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CHATHAM PRICE RANGE £160,000-£170,000

- Lovely 2 Bed Home
- · Double Glazing. Central Heating Detached Garage. Sun Room
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PRICE RANGE £155,000-£165,000 ROCHESTER

- 2 Bed Ground Floor Maisonette
- There Is Allocated Parking For One Car
- Within Walking Distance To Train Station Rochester Office 0845 3709 714



GILLINGHAM PRICE RANGE £155,000-£165,000

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen 18 Months Old

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RAINHAM PRICE RANGE £155,000-£163,000

- 3 Bed Terraced, ORP To The Front
- Convenient For Local Amenities • Recently Installed Kitchen & Bathroom

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ROCHESTER 2-3 Bedroom Terraced House

- No Chain Involved
- · River Views From The Rear
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- Two Double Bedroom Victorian Home
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- 3 Separate Bedrooms. 60ft Rear Garden
- Kitchen/Diner Measuring 21ft By 11ft • Double Glazing. Central Heating. No Chain
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ROCHESTER PRICE RANGE £140,000-£150,000

- No-Through Road, Two Reception Rooms
- · House Is Vacant. No Chain Involved

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PRICE RANGE £140,000-£150,000

- 2-3 Bedrooms. 2 Reception Rooms
- Study, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room.
- Double Glazing. Part Central Heating

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GILLINGHAM

- 2-3 Bedrooms Mid Terrace Property • Gas Central Heating. Double Glazing
- Cellar, 60ft Rear Garden
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- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner Upstairs Bathroom, Cellar

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3 Bedrooms. Double Glazing

- Upstairs Bathroom. Kitchen/Diner
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden, No Chain Lower Gillingham Office 0845 3709 714



PRICE RANGE £130,000-£140.000 CHATHAM

- 2 Bed Victorian Bay Fronted Mid Terrace Arranged Over 3 Floors
- 2 Separate Reception Rooms

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STROOD PRICE RANGE £130,000-£140.000

- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal First Time Buy
- No Forward Chain

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- 2 Double Bedrooms, 90ft Rear Garden • Two Reception Rooms & Cellar Bar
- Downstairs Bathroom. GCH. DG

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GILLINGHAM PRICE RANGE £125,000-£135,000

- 2 Bedrooms, Upstairs Bathroom, Cellar
- Through Lounge/Diner. Modern Kitchen Double Glazing. Gas Central Heating

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CHATHAM

- 1 Bedroom Apt. River Views
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

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UPPER GILLINGHAM OIEO £118,000

- 1 Bedroom House
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom

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ROCHESTER

- Refurbished Ground Floor Flat
- One Bedroom. Walled Garden Vacant. No Chain Involved

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PRICE RANGE £110,000-£120,000

- One Bed Maisonette
- · Ground Floor, No Forward Chain
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- Popular Development

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£190,000

SITTINGBOURNE

- Three Double Bedroomed Detached • En-Suite Shower Room. DSCR
- Popular Cul-De-Sac Development

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SITTINGBOURNE

- 3 Bedroomed Semi Detached Property • Lounge/Diner. Downstairs Cloakroom
- Garage. Driveway. Forward Chain

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- SITTINGBOURNE Spacious 3 Bed Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms. Master En-Suite
- Popular Cul-De-Sac Location Sittingbourne Office 0845 3709 711



PRICE RANGE £160,000-£170,000

- 5 Bedrooms, 3 Receptions, DSCR
- · Sitting Room. Breakfast Room Kitchen. Utility Area. Rear Garden
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- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- ORP For Approximately 4 Vehicles Approx. 60' Rear Garden. No Chain
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- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House, DG
- Gas Fired Heating Via Radiators. Garden
- Bedroom 1, 13'3 x 11'11. No Chain

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- 2 Bed Terraced Property. Garage En-Bloc
- Popular Grove Park Development
- Ideal First Purchase!

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- 2 Bedrooms. Double Glazed Conservatory
- Downstairs WC. Modern Fitted Kitchen • DG. Gas Fired Heating. Garden. Workshop

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PRICE RANGE £130,000-£135,000

- 3 Bedroom End Of Terrace In
- 2 Receptions. Kitchen/Diner. Double Glazing • Gas Fired Heating Via Radiators. No Chain

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- 3 Bedrooms. 22'3 x 14'6 Lounge/Diner
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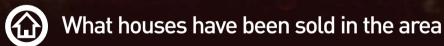


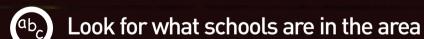
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MOTORS NEWS



New Jag cleans up at motoring 'Oscars'

JAGUAR has had a boost ahead of the launch of its spectacular XF replacement for the S-Type – the car arrives in the next few weeks with a What Car? Magazine 'Car of the Year' tag on it.

The new big cat beat 14 other category

The new big cat beat 14 other category 'Oscar' winners at the 2008 awards to take the overall title.

What Car? editor, Steve Fowler, said: "The XF has it all – it looks fantastic and has a classy, futuristic interior that gives it a real sense of occasion.

"On top of that, it's great to drive, whatever mood you're in, and is a sound ownership proposition too."



Skoda loads up an insurance bargain

SKODA'S Fabia Estate spin-off has put down a marker in the supermini load lugger sector by securing the cheapest insurance rating in the class.

The base model 1.2 (70bhp) version falls into the 2E band – the lowest of any supermini estate – while the highest is just 4E for flagship models.

The new estate is also better looking inside and out and more capacious than its predecessor, complementing a much improved overall Fabia line-up from the VW-owned Czech value brand.



Why MINI means more

MINI by name and 'mini' by nature it seems, for losing value – BMW's retro star was the UK's slowest depreciating car in 2007, according to Parker's Car Guides.

And the trend seems set to continue, it says, with hassle-free five and eight-year servicing deals, plus impressive fuelsaving technologies fitted on cars from autumn 2007.

The next best 'value miser' according to Parker's was the versatile Honda Jazz supermini holdall, with other front runners being: 3 – Perodua Kelisa, 4 – Citroen C1 and 5 – Perodua Myvi.



EXTRA INSURANCE: The new Sportage not only has a new look, it also comes with the same revolutionary 7-year/100,000 mile warranty Kia first launched with the Ceed

Sportage comes with longer life guaranteed

MOTOR facelifts rarely raise an eyebrow or put anyone's nose out of joint, but the Kia Sportage makeover is worth a second look.

Not so much for the cosmetics – even squinting won't help you there – but more for what is hidden.

Because the Sportage is now guaranteed to be as rugged as it looks, with the same industryleading seven-year/100,000-mile warranty Kia launched on its Ford Focus challenger, the Ceed.

This extra insurance has been made possible by transferring Sportage production from Kia's Korean home turf to the state-of-the-art Ceed plant in Slovakia

Two more hidden changes should boost volumes too: the addition of a diesel automatic option and two-wheel-drive models.

Earlier attempts by others to push two-wheel drive sports utility vehicles (SUVs) met with little success, but the trend towards lower CO2 emissions and fuel consumption and a saving of at least £1,000 off purchase price, could draw people to the 2WD Sportage (from £14,000).

ROAD TEST

BY **STEVE LOADER**

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

OK, there are subtle visual changes to the Sportage – body-colour bumpers as standard, larger door mirrors, new grille and headlamps and revised and more comfortable European-influenced seating – but I was also impressed with the dynamic improvements.

The Sportage always rode and handled well, but Kia has really tidied things up. Steering and braking efficiency is also better, while cabin refinement is much improved.

Perhaps most surprising though is the new-look Sportage's off-road clout in 4x4 trim. It is no Land Rover Freelander 2, but is priced from nearly 12 grand more than the Sportage and the diesel I tried had the measure of a muddy forest track and a foot deep stream – more than most owners would ever tackle.

As you would expect from Kia, standard kit is generous and includes air-con, six airbags, alloys and all-round electric windows and mirrors. The new flagship trim, Titan, includes electronic stability control, cruise control, leather seats, privacy glass, heated seats and an electric sunroof, yet starts at just £17,795.

Kia now reckons on a 30 per cent increase in Sportage volumes – I think that's guaranteed.



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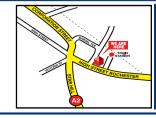
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IF we have a little extra cash, image plays a big part in the kind of cars we buy, so here are three trendy head turners offering various styles and looks. But while the MINI, smart forfour supermini and Vauxhall Tigra contrast in so many ways, they are all reasonably priced for what they offer and good to drive while still making a statement. Amazingly, they are also very practical for the individual market sector they sell into. As a further bonus, they should be reliable and depreciate slowly too.

MINI



NOT as compact or full of character as the original perhaps, but the MINI counters with sheer capability and design. Apart from the profile, BMW carried over the centre-mounted switches and speedo, plus customising the roof with a chequered flag or whatever takes your fancy. The handling embellishes the legend yet there is the practicality of the hatchback, the option of a diesel and, for the ultimate style statement, factory-built convertibles. A used Cooper is the best deal.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

SMART FORFOUR



BEING the bargain candidate here should not detract from the smart challenging on the image front. With a distinctive two-tone five-door hatchback body, funky interior and well-sorted chassis, this is a practical yet equally eye-catching alternative to the MINI. The interior doesn't feel as upmarket, but forfour used prices are better since new production was halted prematurely due to poor profitability. Nothing much wrong with the car though – go for the lively, smooth and miserly diesel with manual box.

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323, Lxi 5dr, 5504079, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, rear spoiler, central locking, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, radio cassette, twin air bags abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, red, 30000 miles, £4495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

323. Gsi 5dr. t939 nab. rear spoiler rear wash/wipe, traction control, blue, 52700 miles, £2995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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206, 2002, silver, 27000 miles, £6995. WJ King Vauxhall, Dartford, 01322 227581 (TRADE)

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Working as part of a team you will need to possess excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work to rigorous standards within demanding deadlines. Ref: FLT3/LT/77.

CORPORATE INFORMATION SERVICES

SQL Developer

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

As an experienced SQL Developer working in the newly established Information Systems Development group within Corporate Information Systems, you will be making a significant contribution to the University's Information System Development programme and the development of the University's management information systems.

As a graduate with significant professional analyst/programmer and SQL development experience you will need excellent interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively on your own and as part of the team.

You will also need to demonstrate a proven track record of technical development and excellent technical skills with experience of implementing systems within a designed technical architecture. Ref: SQL/CIS/77.

For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522. Interview date: 12 February 2008.

DESIGN AND PRINT UNIT

Graphic Designer

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

We require a highly motivated Graphic Designer with excellent technical and organisational skills. As a creative individual you will be expected to design and produce concepts and finished artwork for a wide range of materials and will act as the guardian of the University's corporate identity.

With a solid print design background and in-depth knowledge of design-forprint packages you will also need to be familiar with printing techniques and have understanding of the working methods, deadlines and production patterns of the print industry.

A good team player you will be used to working to tight dealines and balancing multiple projects and have the confidence to take a project from its initial brief through to the finished article. **Ref: GD/REP/77**.

AUGUSTINE HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT

Project Administrator (Fixed term for 18 months)

£17,651 to £19,264 per annum

A £30m development on the Canterbury ring road will provide a landmark building including a new Library and Learning Centre and a new Student Support Centre along with cafes and social space for the University.

As part of the University's largest ever estate development you will provide general and high level administrative support to the project team comprising an overall Project Manager and two Project Directors, a variety of sub-groups and associated projects and other estate development projects as necessary.

With a recognised word-processing/typing qualification and ECDL or equivalent you will have demonstrable experience of general administration and servicing meetings. Experience of working in a time critical project focused environment and providing PA support to multiple people is desirable. This role will require wide ranging organisational and liaison abilities and the desire to provide a high quality service in a timely and prioritised manner. Ref: PA/AUG/77.

COMPUTING SERVICES

Testing Administrator (Part time)

(Fixed Term until 31 July 2009)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum pro rata

Working in the Department's computer-based testing lab your duties will include the administration of candidates, invigilating exams in accordance with documented procedures, dealing with any problems and answering enquiries.

You will have good intermediate-level computing experience, patience and an eye for detail; experience in dealing with people of all ages and in sometimes difficult situations is essential, as is reliability and some flexibility as to working hours. A gentle sense of humour and a calm personality are a distinct advantage. The post is for an average of 18 hours a week across the year, up to a maximum of 27 hours a week in October and November; the centre is open afternoons and evenings, midweek. Ref: TA2/CS/77.

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Senior Lecturer in Speech & Language Therapy (0.5fte)

£32,796 to £40,335 per annum pro rata

We are looking for an HPC-registered Speech and Language Therapist to join the enthusiastic SLT team supporting the Post Graduate Diploma in Speech and Language Therapy delivered jointly with University of Greenwich.

You will have expertise in working with adults with communication disorders, and although not essential, you may also have an interest in voice, applied linguistics, adult learning disabilities, or hearing impairment. You will develop this as a key role with existing colleagues from Canterbury Christ Church University and University of Greenwich. You will hold a relevant degree and be interested in extending your professional profile. Ref: SLT1/AHP/77.

For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk, or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk

BROADSTAIRS CAMPUS

ACCOMMODATION OFFICE

Housing Officer (21 hours)

£15,743 to £17,152 per annum

As part of the Accommodation Services team you will be helping to allocate students to their accommodation at the start of the academic year, assisting with any accommodation issues and ensuring that residential accommodation is kept secure and well maintained.

Ideally with a background in housing you will be a confident communicator with well developed interpersonal customer service skills.

Although working predominantly Wednesday (1pm to 5.30pm), Thursday (9am to 5.30pm) and Friday (9am to 5.30pm) you will also be required to work additional weekend hours at the beginning of each academic year (September) to welcome new students and to settle them into their Halls of Residence.

Ref: HO1/ACC/77.

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Medway Community College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

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REF: 458 - STRUCTURED PSYCHO-SOCIAL INTERVENTIONS SERVICE COUNSELLING CO-ORDINATORS SITTINGBOURNE & ASHFORD (2 POSTS) Salary £22,122 - £28,172 (SCP 27 - 35) - 37 hours

KCA Ashford and KCA Sittingbourne are vibrant community substance misuse service centres that provide a range of treatment options for people with drug and alcohol problems.

You will need a qualification in counselling to diploma level as a minimum standard, further qualifications would be an advantage. You should be BACP Accredited.

You will also need to be committed to equality of opportunity and self-empowerment for drug and alcohol users.

You will be part of a skilled, multi disciplinary team and have particular responsibility for overseeing the case review process. Managing a small group of counsellors you will also have a client caseload and will have the opportunity of developing other therapeutic interventions such as group work. Additionally, you will help to support and train volunteer counsellors.

If you would like to discuss this post please contact: TONI HOWES OR KAREN WILLOUGHBY ON $\,\,$ 01227 454740

Closing date: 25th January 2008 Interview date: 18th February 2008

REF: 412 - SERVICE MANAGERS PRESCRIBING SERVICE
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You should have comprehensive experience within the drug & alcohol field, with a strong commitment to evidence based practice. This should be coupled with good organisational skills, including the ability to plan and prioritise your own workload. This opportunity may well suit someone with an NHS background.

Should you wish to discuss this role informally, please contact Tracey Tipping 01622 690944

REF: 459 - COMMUNITY DRUG WORKERS - MEDWAY EAST & WEST KENT Salary £20,736 - £26,835 (SCP 25 - 33) - 37 hours

Working closely with medical staff, you will provide assessment and key worker support to service users accessing the substitute prescribing service. The aim of the role is to assist chaotic injecting drug users to stabilise their drug use and lifestyle.

Significant experience of working with people with drug related problems, a genuine commitment to this client group and a background and qualification in nursing or other relevant profession are essential.

There is scope to be involved in developing associated specialisms within the team.

Closing date: 1st February 2008 Interview date: End of February

REF: 460 - DAY PROGRAMME WORKERS -EAST KENT (TWO POSTS) £20,736 - £25,320 (SCP 25 - 31) - 37 hours

You will be part of a community team, providing a range of services for people with drug and alcohol problems. Working as part of the day programme team, you will be required to take a leading role in the planning and delivery of a structured holistic programme, which includes group work, assessment and key working, skills training and complementary therapies. You will need a relevant qualification and group work experience, preferably in a drug and alcohol day programme or residential setting.

Closing date: Friday 25th January 2008
Interview date: To be confirmed

For application forms contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351, Email marina@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk

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Closing date: midday, 31 January 2008. Interview date: 15 February 2008.

Assistant Clean Kent Co-ordinator

Starting salary £22,268, with progression through contribution related pay to £25,521 pa pro rata Part-time 22 hours per week, one year temporary/secondment opportunity

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The Clean Kent Campaign is helping to bring together a cleaner county in which to live, work and visit. We are nearing the end of the current Kent Agreement working with the 12 district and borough councils, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, the Environment Agency, Kent Police, and the Highways Agency, amongst others, to achieve demanding targets to reduce rubbish fires, increase public cleanliness satisfaction and reduce fly-tipping incidences. New targets will be included in the 2008-2011 Kent Agreement to improve on the good work already achieved.

The campaign now needs an enthusiastic and motivated person for one year to cover maternity leave, on a part-time basis. This is a challenging but rewarding role and you will join a dedicated team, full of enthusiasm and results driven.

You will need to have excellent communication, organisational and administrative skills. Project management experience is essential, as well as a can-do approach to work.

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The job involves carrying out audits across the County, so the ability to travel is essential. Ref: CED/o7/o157

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Closing date for both Auditor posts: midday, 21 January 2008. Interview date: w/c 11 February 2008.

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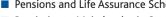












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Rules are taxing assets

NEW tax rules likely to be introduced in April may leave Kent business owners short changed if they want to sell assets or shares, according to local company commercial lawyer Susan Jennings.

She says: "At the moment, the sale of shares can attract capital gains tax at ten per cent if held long enough, but this is set to rise to 18 per cent from April."

Business owners can call Susan Jennings on 01634 887334 or email saj@furleypage.co.uk.

Why bosses are driven to be liable

BY SIMON ROBINSON

A RADICAL new act which holds businesses liable for crashes caused by its drivers will be introduced later this year.

The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act will hold companies responsible if their employees are involved in a fatal car crash – leaving them open to prosecution.

Under the new legislation any organisation will be guilty of corporate manslaughter if serious failures in their management of health and safety procedures can be directly linked to the accident.

Breaches will be punished with a limitless fine, with the fee depending on the level of the negligence.

A seminar discussing the full implications of the act, which comes into force on Sunday, April 6, and covers all areas of health and safety, was held at the Kent Police Lecture Theatre in Maidstone last week.

More than 100 company bosses attended, hearing from experts in the field on how they can take the necessary steps to ensure their businesses do not fall foul of the new legislation.

Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership communication manager Rachel Wall said: "One in three crashes on the road involves a vehicle being used for business purposes.

"The new act means companies really

need to get their house in order and make sure employees are driving responsibly on our roads.

"It is not enough to just have a health and safety policy to tick a box. Organisations must now be able to prove these policies are being monitored on a daily basis and if they are not they may find themselves in court.

A video clip of the seminar can be seen on our website at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.



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GOAL FRENZY: Invicta Dynamos were out the traps quickly as they netted nine against Haringey

Mos Forshee a lot of goals

A STRIKE from Ken Forshee after just 30 seconds set the tone for the Invicta Dynamos, who ran riot at the weekend.

The Dynamos got off to a fast start against the Greyhounds and they continued in the same vein against Haringey, when Forshee moved in off the left boards to fire the Mos into the lead.

The lead was doubled shortly after when Joe Allen found Peter Carey moving in from the blue line and he smashed the puck past Steven Andrews to make it 2-0.

The Greyhounds got back into the game in the fourth minute after a shot from Simon James was half stopped by the stick of Matt Drake,

ICE HOCKEY

Haringey 1 Invicta Dynamos 9

but a bad bounce carried the puck onto the tape of Ricky Rutherford and he had an easy finish.

A neat passing move between AJ Smith and Anthony Lennon allowed Smith to extend the lead and it was the same player who scored a good goal in the 15th

Good play between Jamie Smith and Peter Carey allowed Smith the opportunity to fire home to make it 5-1 after 24 minutes.

Alex Shaw made sure of the victory in the 28th minute before binned for 14 minutes after an attempted butt-end.

The Dynamos made use of the powerplay as Anthony Leone made it 7-1 and on the second minor penalty, Carey got his brace when he finished off a pass from Joe Allen.

The scoring was rounded off in the 48th minute when Forshee smashed home. It was Forshee's last game for the club after he decided to retire from the game.

He said: "I have really enjoyed my time at Invicta but the travelling to and from Swindon, along with a few personal issues, means I cannot commit 100 per cent to the club and that's not fair on them."

Hol maintain unbeaten run

A HAT-TRICK for prolific forward Jennie Hoyte secured Holcombe Ladies fourteenth win of the season, maintaining their 100 per cent record.

Holcombe were too strong for Wisbech Town as they dominated the possession in a 4-0 thumping. Hoyte scored three times, with the ladies top scorer Candice Forward netting the fourth to take her goal tally for the season to 35.

With Holcombe's nearest rivals Sudbury drawing, the ladies have now opened up a 14 point lead at the top of the women's East Premier League.

Holcombe will hope to continue their impressive form when they take on struggling Letchworth this Saturday.

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Gills manager Mark Stimson talks about his top three transfer targets

Follow the path of Open legends

AMATEUR golfers have a chance to test their swing at this year's Open Championship course after the launch of the People's Open Golf Tournament.

The final of the People's Open Golf Tournament - an annual event for amateur club golfers based on the same format faced by the sport's top stars - will take place a month after the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale, following a series of regional and final qualifying tournaments around the UK in May and June.

One of the tournament's qualifying events will take place at Tudor Park Golf Club in Maidstone on May 28th.

The Tournament is open to amateur golfers over the age of 18 by May 1.

Event organiser, David Dryer, said: "The tournament gives amateurs a chance to realise what could be an impossible dream by following in the spike marks of some of the game's greatest heroes."

Entry fee is £75 per player, for more information visit www.pogt.co.uk.

Stimson confused over striker's refusal to leave

Gillingham O Northampton Town 1

Graham's future Gillingham looks bleak after the striker turned down another chance to go out on loan.

Gills boss Mark Stimson accepted an approach from a League Two club, but the former Sheffield Wednesday hitman declined to leave Priestfield.

The 29-year-old, who has made one substitute appearance in two months, also refused the chance to go out on loan in November.

Stimson said: "There has been a little bit of interest in David Graham but he is refusing that at the moment. It is a bit frustrating because he could have played 90 minutes on Saturday rather than watching us, but you can't force him to go anywhere.

"He has got great ability but he needs regular football. At the moment we can't give him that so the next best thing is to go and get it some-

Ironically, a fully-fit Graham was exactly what Gills needed on Saturday as a lack of cutting edge cost them against an uncompromising Northampton Town side.

Quality

Daniel Jones' superb free-kick settled the game after only three minutes and despite having to defend for long periods, the visitors created the better chances throughout.

For Gills it was a disappointing match where they failed to build on the momentum gained by their excellent away victory at Huddersfield

Stimson said: "I can't complain about a lack of ffort maybe it is just a little hit quality w was lacking.

"Endeavour only takes you so far and then you need a bit of quality - that's what we were done by today because their goal would not have looked out of place in the Premier League."

Gills went into the game hopeful of extending their unbeaten run to five league games, but Northampton took the lead inside three minutes. A hopeful ball forward hit Simon King high on the arm, which the referee penalised. Wing-back Daniel Jones stepped up and his

superb curling effort found the top corner. The hosts had the majority of the play but struggled to break down a rugged Cobblers defensive line. Adam Miller looked like the only player capable of creating an opening and the midfielder came close on 32 minutes when his

speculative shot hit the crossbar.

Mark Bentley was the only player to force a good save in the second half, but his well-struck volley was too close to Town's goalkeeper, Mark Bunn who handled cleanly.

For the Gills, the defeat was reminiscent of the reverse to Port Vale in December, which

came days after winning at Crewe - their only other away victory.

Stimson's side were in action last night against Oldham Athletic.

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NO GO: Gillingham striker David Graham rejected the chance to join a League Two side for a month's loan, instead watching from the bench as the Gills unbeaten run came to an end against Northampton Town



DOUBLE TROUBLE: Darren Smith (left) scored Chatham's third goal to seal a second win of the season against promotion favourites Dover Athletic, but partial floodlight failure cast doubt over the result

The lights go out on Chats' big w

AN ENGROSSING match at Maidstone Road ended in farcical scenes as a partial floodlight failure seconds from the final whistle threw a tremendous result for Chatham Town into doubt.

The Ryman League board will decide the fate of the match at their next meeting which is scheduled for next Thursday.

The two most likely outcomes are to uphold the result or order the game to be replayed.

The floodlight failure deflected attention from what would have been an excellent win for Chats against title favourites Dover

In a game where they had to defend for long

FOOTBALL

BY **YOURMEDWAY REPORTER**

Chatham Town 3 Dover Athletic 1 (Match abandoned)

spells, the hosts gave everything and Craig Govey, Justin Ascheri and Darren Smith took their chances well to set up a moraleboosting victory.

Chats boss Steve Binks said: "I'm absolutely delighted; it's going to take a week to come down from this. We have shown we can compete with the best in this league – I can't fault the players, they were terrific."

Champions-elect Dover were still smarting

from Chats' 1-0 away win in October - their only defeat of the season - and they showed their credentials by pinning back the hosts for long spells.

John Whitehouse made several excellent stops to keep Town in it and they led at the break thanks to Govey's header.

The visitors levelled early in the second half, but substitute Ascheri showed great composure to put them back in front.

A Smith lob made it 3-1 before the game was stopped for ten minutes when Whitehouse was kicked in the head during a goalmouth scramble.

Dover's John Keister received his second yellow card for the offence, before the lights went out to plunge the result into doubt.

The Chats will look to continue their good recent form when they travel to Metropolitan

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Defeat sees Lords lose ground in race for title

LORDSWOOD RFC failed to keep up the pressure on promotion hunters Dover as they suffered a shock defeat at the hands of Lewes.

The 16-3 result was only Lewes' third win of the season. A win for Lordswood would have put them within three points of second-placed Dover.

The Lords hope to get their season back on track when they take on one of the title contenders, Deal & Betteshanger who are fourth in London South East 3.

Success of trials lead to new games programme

FOLLOWING the success of a trial football tournament in October, Medway Council has announced the Medway Business Games programme for 2008.

The games are a series of five tournaments aimed at getting Medway's working population out of the office and active.

The 2008 programme will kick-off with a five-a-side football tournament at the new Kicks Soccer Centre at the Strood Leisure Centre

Trophies will be awarded to the winning team in each sport.

Anchorians stand strong to edge past Maidstone

DOMINANT performance from Gillingham Anchorians saw them secure a 1-0 victory over rivals Maidstone.

The Anch's created numerous chances in the first half but efforts from Liz Kirk, Pip Hart and Dawn Bowie were all saved by the Maidstone goalkeeper.

Anchorians were finally rewarded for their efforts when Sarah Inwood diverted a short corner into the Maidstone goal.

Maidstone went in search of an equaliser but the Anch's defence stood strong to hold out for the win.

Lordswood look ahead after the rains subside

LAST week's heavy rain caused Kent Premier League side Lordswood to have their visit to Sevenoaks Town postponed on Saturday.

A win would have closed the gap on 11th -placed Sevenoaks Town to just four points. The Lords will be back in action this

Saturday, when they take on high-flying Erith Town, who are fifth in the league. After a disappointing start to the year,

they will hope to get their season back on track with a much-needed win.

'Bad day at the office' for Medway

RUGBY

Medway 18 Bexley 18

MEDWAY'S title charge suffered a huge set back on Saturday as they drew against league strugglers Bexley.

Taff Gwilliam's side have been in tremendous form of late and their results have seen them climb to second place in Kent 2.

However, too many errors against a team that are second from bottom in the division could cost Medway as leaders Vigo thrashed Foots Cray 50-12 to go a point clear.

Medway took the lead courtesy of a penalty from Dafydd Ruffel, but they were soon pegged back by Bexley who scored a penalty of their own

Winger Rob Ellis scored a try for the home side, but Bexley held firm and even scored a try of their own to level the scores at 8-8.



SET BACK: Medway boss Taff Gwilliam hopes his side can bounce back from their disappointing performance in the club's next game against league leaders Vigo

Good work from Billy Humphrey allowed Mick Head to go over for a try but the second half was a torrid affair as Medway were down

to 13 men at one point after having two players sin binned for fighting.

Medway were forced to pay the consequences as Bexley went over for a try with the last score of the game which gave Medway no time to register any more points.

A dejected Gwilliam said after the game: 'We didn't lose, I suppose that's the one positive thing we can take out of it. It was a very disappointing result, it was a bad day at the office.

"Take nothing away from Bexley, they played with a lot of spirit and determination. We just couldn't get into the game. We kept making fundamental errors."

Medway play league leaders Vigo at the weekend and Gwilliam has challenged his players to bounce back.

He said: "Vigo is a big one for us. We will have to improve otherwise we won't be in the game.

"A measure of the team is how we respond. I just hope we keep our destiny in our

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